



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, July 9, 2012 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. 6:30 Student Fees Hearing

Discussion: The Student Fees hearing was opened at 6:30 PM by President Jedlicka. This hearing was held for any discussion on the increase of breakfast and lunch prices for the 2012-2013 school year. The hearing was closed at 6:36 PM.

II. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: The meeting was called to order by President Jedlicka. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Stevens, Principal Grammer and Curriculum Administrator Gibbons.

II.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Jedlicka stated that the meeting had been preceded by advance notice and is hereby declared to be in open session.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

III.A. Agenda

III.B. Minutes

III.C. Acceptance of Claims

III.C.1. Bills of \$5,000 or more

III.D. Financial

III.E. Other Listed Reports

IV. Public Forum - We ask that all presentation be limited in their length.

IV.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

IV.B. Other topics (limited to 5 minutes - subject to guidelines of the Board Participation Policy)

IV.C. Student Representative's Report

V. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

V.A. Americanism

V.B. Budget

V.B.1. Set meeting time and date

V.C. Building and Grounds

V.D. Curriculum

V.E. Negotiations

Discussion: The negotiating committee met again with representatives from the SEA to renegotiate the contract for 2012-2013. The committee felt that both sides worked toward a common end; the SEA membership must still approve the contract.

V.E.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the certified staff contract for 2012-2013 school year

V.F. Planning

V.F.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the purchase of a used pick-up

Discussion: Money from the sale of a van and pick-up from SES to CMI (\$1000), in addition to insurance money from hail damage to older vehicles (\$10,700) would allow the purchase of a used pick-up. The current pick-up needs a new transmission. Consensus of the school board was to put off the purchase of a used pick-up for six months.

V.F.2. Discuss, consider and take action on hiring additional custodial personnel

Discussion: The planning committee would like to be assured that the hiring of an additional person is necessary. Comparisons of time and duties necessary to clean the rural schools vs. the town schools was made. A comment was made from the board that if in six months it is shown that an adequate janitorial job cannot be completed, an additional employee would be considered. Superintendent Stevens reminded the school board members that an additional 33,000 sq. ft. has been added to SES.

V.F.3. Discuss the use of extra Qualified School Construction Bond funds.

Discussion: An estimated projection of \$545,000 of QSCB (Qualified School Construction Bonds) dollars will remain after the additional SES structure has been completed. A list of items desired for the SES addition, though not purchased were discussed. Administrators listed their top five choices in order of preference - *Expanded Security " Lighting and Cameras \$10,000 *Sound System - \$12,000 *Bleachers for 400 - \$35,000 *Playground equipment - \$65,000 *Concrete apron off of high way 15 - \$27,000 Superintendent Stevens asked the board for authorization to proceed with the purchase of a sound system and expanded security. A final cost for the SES addition will be available at the August meeting. After that, the board will consider other requests. All QSCB monies need to be spent by November 2013.

V.G. Policy

V.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the Activity Handbook for the 2012-2013 school year

V.G.2. Discuss, consider and take action on the Certified Staff Handbook for the 2012-2013 school year

V.G.3. Discuss, consider and take action on the Support Staff Handbook for the 2012-2013 school year

V.G.4. Discuss, consider and take action on the concussion policy

V.G.5. Discussion on the Early Retirement Incentive Policy

Discussion: The ERIP discussion focuses on 2 main areas of discussion: 1. Should administrators be included in the ERIP policy? 2. Should the current policy be renewed for the coming year 2012-2013? A decision will be made at the August school board meeting.

V.G.6. Discussion, consider and take action on the Student/Parent Proof of Residency Policy

Discussion: The wording in the current policy requires all new kindergarten, 5th grade, and 9th grade students to complete a form proving residency in the district. With the transfer of 5th graders to SES, the policy would require 6th graders at SMS to prove residency. In addition, all new students at any school would need to prove residency.

V.G.7. Discuss, consider and take action on the Student Fees policy for the 2012-2013 school year

V.H. Public Relations

V.I. Foundation

V.I.1. Update

Discussion: Board member Vavricek reported that the discussion at the last meeting included keeping a financial balance so that interest generated would support chosen projects and composing a list of priority projects so donors will know where their donations would be used. Three projects that the Foundation would like to support are a performing arts center, a preschool facility, and renovation to activities facilities.

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Superintendent's Report

VI.A.1. Curriculum Development and Program Improvement requests

Discussion: Cindy Beebe, Tom Wheeldon, and Amy Johnson will be seeking funds for curriculum development and program improvement.

VI.A.2. Liability insurance adjustment related to most recent hail storm

Discussion: EMC Insurance will be sending an adjustment check to SCS for recent hail damage for approximately \$40,500.

VI.A.3. Update on mileage money paid to parents

VI.A.4. SES addition and remodeling update

Discussion: The addition to SES is completed but some renovation is still in progress. Classrooms are being filled with books and equipment for the upcoming school year.

VI.A.5. Discuss, consider and take action on new hires

VI.A.6. Reminders: -NASB/NCSA - November -Negotiations Workshop - July 23 @ Norfolk or July 30 @ Lincoln -NASB Membership meetings - September

VI.A.7. NASB Award of Achievement - check your totals

VI.A.8. Discuss, consider and take action on renewing membership of NRCSA

VI.A.9. Option enrollment update

VI.A.10. Follow-up to Won to Won iPad discussion

Discussion: An article that appeared in the Lincoln Journal Star was shared that included quotes from Jeff Droge and Robin Stevens concerning the recent approval by the SCS board to purchase iPads for classroom use.

VI.B. Presentation about the GED program at the Schuyler Community Resource Center -
Stephen Grammer

Discussion: Principal Grammer reported that on June 30, 2012 51 Nebraska students received GED degrees at a ceremony held at Nebraska Wesleyan University. These students were from Lexington, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha, and Schuyler. Two of the students from Schuyler had prepared for their exam at the Schuyler Resource Center.

VII. Correspondence Items

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Exit Executive Session

X. Adjournment

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