



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2012 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Hearing on Budget Amendments

Discussion: A hearing on budget amendments was opened at 6:30 PM to discuss approved refunding of 2007 bonds. Adam Elm, representing Pekny and Associates was present to explain how this decision would work and answer any questions. The hearing closed at 6:38 PM with a motion from Misek and a second from Brabec.

II. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM. In addition to the school board members, those in attendance were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Comley, and Vrba, Assistant Principals Reinsch and Kovar, Activity Administrator Egr, 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

Discussion: Also present was Laurie Schlautman, library and media director at SMS.

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

V. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

V.A. Americanism

V.B. Budget

V.B.1. Need to set a meeting date

V.B.2. Discuss, consider and take action on proposed budget amendments for the 2011-2012 budget.

V.C. Building and Grounds

V.D. Curriculum

V.E. Negotiations

V.E.1. Negotiations workshop review

Discussion: The majority of board members attended a negotiations workshop offered in Norfolk or Lincoln and all thought it to be very beneficial in preparing for future negotiations. The board members also agreed the Superintendent should contact legal counsel on the feasibility of a comparability study with schools within the region/state that compare with SCS regarding negotiations and then report back to the school board.

V.E.2. Schuyler Education Association outcome of latest proposal - need to set a date for a meeting

Discussion: The SEA has rejected the proposal put forth by the school board. It was pointed out that now negotiations must begin anew; a meeting date will be set for the negotiations committee.

V.F. Planning

V.F.1. Response to Won to Won I-Pad initiative questions

Discussion: Mr. Droge responded at length to a list of eight questions regarding the appropriate use of the iPads purchased for the One to One Initiative. A training day for teachers was held August 10 with two additional training days scheduled from the ESU7 and Apple.

V.G. Policy

V.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the 2nd reading of the concussion policy

V.G.2. Discuss, consider and take action on the negotiations policy - first reading.

V.G.3. Discuss, consider and take action on an amendment to the Facility Use policy to include a Certificate of Liability for \$1 million requirement

V.G.4. Discuss, consider and take action on a resolution to waive the administrative residency requirement for Gerry Reinsch - .125 Rural/Satellite Principal and .375 Schuyler Middle School Assistant Principal.

V.G.5. Discuss, consider and take action on renewing the Early Retirement Incentive Policy (ERIP) for the 2012-2013 school year.

V.G.5.1. Discuss, consider and take action on deleting Section B. - Qualifications; Paragraph 1 - Certificated Employee - Clause b and c from the Early Retirement Incentive Program Policy.

Discussion: This action will remove administrators, technology coordinator and school psychologists from the ERIP policy.

V.G.5.1.1. Discuss, consider and take action on financing the Early Retirement Incentive Program for the 2012-2013 school year.

V.G.6. Discuss, consider and take action on amending the Use of Facility policy to include a statement prohibiting the use of facilities by a non-school related group with out prior board approval between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.

V.H. Public Relations

V.I. Foundation

V.I.1. Update - preparation for Labor Day celebration

Discussion: The SCS Foundation met August 6, 2012 to finalize plans for their sponsorship of the Labor Day Alumni Dance to be held at the Oak Ballroom on September 2. They are also working with the Schuyler Economic Development coordinator to develop a professional brochure promoting the Foundation.

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

VI.A.1. Welcome Gerry Reinsch

VI.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: David Gibbons updated the school board about the upcoming visit from the AdvanED Accreditation team September 16-19. Interviews will take place with administrators, teachers, parents, students, and the school board. An exit report will take place on Wednesday, September 19 at 3:30 PM.

VI.B.1. AdvanED accreditation visit - September 16 thru 19th - Interview board at noon on Monday the 17th of September

VI.C. Activities Administrator Report

VI.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action on a cooperative agreement in wrestling with Leigh and Clarkson for the 2012-2013 school year.

VI.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

VI.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

VI.E.1. Update on SES addition and remodeling

Discussion: The SES addition and remodeling project are essentially complete with only a few minor items to correct. The approximate projected enrollment for SES is 786 students.

VI.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: With the signing of Rule 10, middle school athletics will increase their competition contests in football, volleyball, and basketball.

VI.F.1. Discuss, consider and take action on administrative adjustments

Discussion: Recommended administrative assignments are as follows: .375 SMS Assistant Principal – Gerry Reinsch; SMS Activities Administrator – Michelle Egr/Stephen Grammer; .125 Rural/Satellite Schools Principal – Gerry Reinsch; Preschool Head Teacher and

Administrator – Karrie Healy and Bill Comley (w/ assistance from SCS Psychologist Mike Goos); and Substitute Teacher Coordinator – Darin Kovar.

VI.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: A new registration format was instituted this year as parents/guardians & students were invited to come to SCHS to pick up registration packets and encouraged to complete them on site. 9th grade and new student orientation was held on August 8th at 7:30pm and was well attended. Projected student enrollment for the beginning of the year is 455.

VI.G.1. Welcome Darin Kovar - residency plan

Discussion: Darin Kovar, new Assistant Principal at SCHS, will seek housing in the district to comply with board policy on residency. It is his intention to move his family to Schuyler before the 2013-2014 school year if housing cannot be located before that time.

VI.H. Superintendent's Report

VI.H.1. NASB membership meetings - Norfolk September 26 or Wahoo October 3rd

VI.H.2. Notice of school accreditation from the Nebraska Department of Education

Discussion: Notice was received that SCS is accredited with the Nebraska Department of Education.

VI.H.3. Vehicle update - sold van and pick-up

VI.H.4. Curriculum development and/or Program Improvement proposals - Andre Prachel and Dawn Prescott

Discussion: Andre Prachal and Cindy Beebe have completed work on curriculum development and program improvement.

VI.H.5. Discuss, consider and take action on new hires for the 2012-2013 school year

VI.H.6. Discuss, consider and take action on resignations.

VI.H.7. Option enrollment - update

VI.H.8. Back to school - early thoughts

VI.H.9. Next regularly scheduled board meeting - September 10th.

VII. Correspondence Items

Discussion: Correspondence was received from Jean Conrad, Denise Stevenson, Chrissi Bywater, Doug Phillips, and Laurie Schlautman.

VII.A. Thanks from the music department - update of SCHS music room

VII.B. Thanks from Chrissi Bywater - memorial in honor of Mildred Spulak

VII.C. Denise Stevenson - Thanks for longevity award

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment