



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2012 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. 6:30 Hearing on the proposed 2012-2013 budget

Discussion: Hearing opened by President Jedlicka at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the hearing was to explain the proposed budget for 2012-2013. General comments from Superintendent Stevens included that budgets are fluid and always evolving. Some items that affected the budget for 2012-2013 are: The purchase of iPads; Tax rebate to Cargill Meat Solutions; Attempt to build up the cash reserve; A reduction in wages; 1.7 million dollar decrease in State Aid for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013; and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield medical insurance premium holiday in 2011-2012. The hearing at closed at 6:44 PM.

I.A. 6:40 Hearing on the proposed 2012-2013 property tax levy

Discussion: President Jedlicka opened the hearing on the proposed 2012-2014 property tax levy at 6:45 PM. The purpose of this hearing was to give an explanation of the property tax request to support the general fund, the bond fund, the special building fund, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund. Taxes requested are \$1.10 per \$1000 of valuation. There has been an approximate 6% increase in valuations from 2011-2012 to 2012-2013. The hearing closed at 7:00 PM.

II. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Jedlicka. Also present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Grammer, Comley, and Vrba; Assistant Principal Kovar; SCS Psychologist Mike Goos; Activity Administrator Egr; and Curriculum Administrator Gibbons. Also present was Laurie Schlautman, representing the SEA and Student Council representative Caleb Krejci.

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

Discussion: The Student Council will focus on increasing school spirit among the student body; plans are being made for Spirit Week. The move away from a block schedule to a modified block schedule has caused an adjustment for upperclassmen.

IV.C.1. Welcome Caleb Krejci

V. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

V.A. Americanism

V.B. Budget

V.B.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the proposed 2012-2013 budget

V.B.2. Discuss, consider and take action on the proposed 2012-2013 property tax levy

V.C. Building and Grounds

V.C.1. Preschool walkway update

Discussion: The wooden walkway at SCS Preschool has deteriorated and weathered over the years and will need to have repairs done; estimated costs will be \$1000.

V.C.2. Need to set a date for a meeting to discuss use of the remainder of the QSCB funds

Discussion: School board members will need to set a time to meet to discuss how and when to use the remainder of the QSCB funds. A priority list has already been presented in July when administrators listed their top five choices in order of preference.

V.D. Curriculum

V.E. Negotiations

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

V.E.2. Discuss, consider and take action on support staff compensation for the 2012-2013 contract year

V.E.3. Discuss, consider and take action on coordinator staff compensation for the 2012-2013 contract year

V.E.4. Discuss, consider and take action on administrative staff compensation for the 2012-2013 contract year

V.F. Planning

V.F.1. Discuss, consider and take action on renewing the audit contract for the 2011-2012 to Pekny and Associates for \$15,900

V.G. Policy

V.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the 2nd and final reading of the proposed Negotiations Policy

V.H. Public Relations

V.I. Foundation

V.I.1. Labor Day activities review - Dance, Tours, etc.

Discussion: The annual alumni dance held on Labor Day weekend was sponsored by the SCS Foundation and was well attended. The Class of 1962 toured the high school as part of their 50-year class reunion.

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: The current enrollment at the three rural schools: Fishers District #24-60 students; Richland - 54 students; 504R - 6 students for a total of 120 student. Operating Council Meetings at the rural schools will be held in September.

VI.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: The AdvancEd Team will be here September 17, 18 and 19. Interviews will be conducted at 3:30 PM on Monday, September 17; an exit report will be held at a public school board meeting on Wednesday, September 19 at 3:30 PM in the east gym. Also discussed were comparisons of the NeSA reading and math scores for 3rd-8th and 11 grades for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

VI.B.1. Reminder to be available from 10:45 to 11:45 for the AdvanEd interview

VI.B.2. Reminder to be available for the exit report by the AdvancEd Team

VI.C. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: SCHS will be hosting the District D-2 volleyball games. Teachers and coaches have been encouraged to remind students and athletes to stay hydrated during hot-weather activities. A monthly coaches' meeting will be held for coaches of athletes in grades 7-12; each meeting will cover a stated topic.

VI.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: A compilation of the costs for the storage building at SES was discussed. The original estimate was \$21,700 with an actual cost of \$15,347.

VI.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: Enrollment at SCS Preschool is currently at 100 children and enrollment at Schuyler Head Start is 74 children.

VI.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: SMS has formed an iPad Core Team. Members will consist of staff, students, parents. Meetings are every other week on Wednesdays after school, to start preparing for 8th grade students who will work with the new district-purchased iPads. At present, teachers on this

team have begun looking at different procedures and policies when iPads are handed out and the rules for their use. High school coaches will visit athletic practices at SMS to promote athletics at the high-school level.

VI.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: To date there have been two 10:00 a.m. late starts to allow for teacher collaboration. Teacher collaboration allows the teachers time to review, revise, develop, and have discussion about curriculum; feedback received from teachers has been positive.

VI.H. Superintendent's Report

VI.H.1. NASB Membership meeting on either the 26th of September - Norfolk or the 3rd of October - Wahoo

VI.H.2. Discuss, consider and take action those no longer employed by Schuyler Community Schools

VI.H.3. Discuss, consider and take action on recent new hires

VI.H.4. Option Enrollment update

VI.H.5. Notice of State of Nebraska approval of the School Lunch program

Discussion: SCS was notified of approval of nutrition services in the National School Lunch Program for 2012-2013.

VI.H.5.1. Summer Lunch Program financial report

VI.H.6. November board retreat/study session - Use of NASB

Discussion: School board members were reminded of the upcoming retreat in November.

VI.H.7. Save that date - NASB/NCSA state convention November 14th, 15th and 16th.

VI.H.8. Notice sent to Schuyler Community Schools from the Nebraska Department of Education approving the Early Childhood program. This is the 9th year!

Discussion: SCS Early Childhood program has been approved for the ninth year by the Nebraska Department of Education.

VI.H.9. Next regularly scheduled meeting - October 8th, 2012

VII. Correspondence Items

VII.A. Thank-you from Jean Conrad - Longevity Award Thank-you from Kris Wilch - Longevity Award Thank-you from Mary Eckstein - Longevity Award Thank-you from Teri Chromy - Longevity Award Thank-you from Paula Mares - Longevity Award

Discussion: Correspondence was received from Mary Eckstein, Kris Wilch, Teri Chromy, Jean Conrad, and Paula Mares for longevity award recognition.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Motion to exit executive session

X. Adjournment

Discussion: Motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM.

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