



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2012 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Pavlik, Comley, Vrba, and Grammer, Assistant Principals Kovar and Reinsch, School Psychologist Goos, Curriculum Director Gibbons and Student Council representative Caleb Krejci. Representing the SEA were Pattie Rea and Jean Conrad.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.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.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

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

II.D. Financial

II.E. Other Listed Reports

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

III.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

III.A.1. Recognition of SMS Students of the Month

Discussion: Principal Grammer introduced the Students of the Month from the Schuyler Middle School - Casey Brabec, Jasmine, Corona, and Isaac Hernandez.

III.A.2. Recognition of Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest winners

Discussion: Also recognized on October 6 by Governor Heinemann for placing second and third in the Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest were Jessica Valora and Tasha Guico.

III.A.3. Recognition of 9th, 10th and 11th grade students who received all "A"s all year for school year 2011-2012

Discussion: 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students from SCHS were recognized for being on the All-A Honor Roll for all terms in 2011-2012 were: Morgan Semerad, Megan Jedlicka, Rachel Folda,

Kylie Goodrich, Mia Scott, Caleb Krejci, MacKenzie DeMarque, Janet Contreras, Brent Koliha, Jill Brichacek, Kalen Kasik, Will Martin, Kellan Heavican, Anabel Lira and Brooke Miller.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Student Council will sponsor a Halloween Dance at SMS. Band marching competitions have begun with SCHS hosting on October 13.

IV. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.C.1. Sidewalk discussion between the city of Schuyler and SCS (SES) - Review

Discussion: Principals Vrba and Comley met with representatives from the City of Schuyler to design a plan for a sidewalk at the SES location. The sidewalk will be paid for with a grant and the project must be completed by September 2013.

IV.C.2. Discussion of the use of QSCB by September - 2013 - Review

Discussion: Discussion regarding the use of remaining QSCB funds focused mainly on the feasibility and cost effectiveness of using the North Ward location as a preschool. Building and fire codes must be adhered to, asbestos must be removed and the roof on the gymnasium needs to be repaired. This matter will be discussed further by the Building and Grounds Committee.

IV.C.2.1. Priority #1. Convert Northward into a preschool Priority #2. Add playground equipment to SES Priority #2a. Upgrade security cameras @ SCHS

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

Discussion: The 2012-2013 master contract for the SCS teachers is ready to be signed by the Negotiations Committee. Mark Wemhoff will be the Schuyler Education Association's contact person.

IV.F. Planning

IV.G. Policy

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

IV.I.1. Update

Discussion: The SCS Foundation has set a goal of raising \$100,000 by September of 2013 with proceed to be applied to a new fine-arts center. The alumni dance over the Labor Day holiday netted \$2000.

V. Administrative and Other Reports

V.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: Every Wednesday is Wear Pink Day at Richland in support of breast cancer

research. The rural music students in grades 6-7-8 will participate along with Mrs. Bywaters's 8th grade choir at the Elkhorn Valley Vocal Clinic on Friday, November 2nd. Currently, there are 31-5th graders participating in band at SES.

V.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: A preview of the 2011-12 State of the Schools Report will be released soon. SCS will have a thirty-day window to correct any errors before the report is released to the public. Included this year will be a new Nebraska Performance Accountability System report.

V.C. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Revenue comparisons from 2007-2008 to the present for athletic passes and home football games showed that revenue from athletic passes has decreased but revenue from home football games has increased demonstrating that patrons are paying at the gate instead of buying passes.

V.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

V.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: An early morning intramural student volleyball team meets at 7:00 AM at SES which is coached by Jean Conrad. The Chamber of Commerce After Hours held at SES on September 28 was enjoyed by 75 visitors. A medal ceremony on September 19 honored every student who scored in the "met or exceeded range" on their 2011-2012 NeSA tests in reading and math.

V.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: The Community Resource Center has seen an increased attendance since school has resumed and additional parking has become available. Classes now available are in nutrition, Spanish and GED. There are 143 students participating in the Rosetta Stone program. Questions were raised by the school board about security plans to be put into place before the iPads are distributed to 8th graders.

V.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: The sophomore class took part in the PLAN test item trial on the 28th. Review of the ACT Profile Report was presented from the graduating class of 2012; 38 students were included in this report.

V.H. Superintendent's Report

V.H.1. Discuss, consider and take action on a resolution to approve the "Tri-Valley Spanish Program Consortium" - an interlocal agreement between Schuyler Palmer, Fullerton Harvard, St. Edward.

V.H.2. Felicitations donation

Discussion: School board members were invited to contribute \$5 per school building for the felicitations fund.

V.H.3. Discuss, consider and take action on the 5 year - 2012-2013 through 2016-2017 - renewal of the Pepsi contract.

V.H.4. NASB Membership meeting @ Norfolk - overview

V.H.5. Reminder of NASB/NCSA State Convention on November 14th, 15th and 16th.

V.H.6. Option/Transfer update

V.H.7. Board Study Session/Retreat

V.H.7.1. Date - Board Goals - Use of NASB - Other topics

Discussion: Several topics were listed to discuss at the November school board retreat including: goals, data concerning curriculum, i-Pad security procedures, and QSCB funds.

V.H.8. Yearly Physical

V.H.9. Student Count

Discussion: As of October 2012, SCS student enrollment includes: District #24 - 59; District 504R - 6; Richland School - 54; HeadStart - 83; SES - 778; SMS - 310; SCHS - 454; and Schuyler Preschool - 102.

VI. Correspondence Items

VI.A. Thank-you from Jean Conrad - negotiated agreement

Discussion: Correspondence was received from SCHS teacher, Jean Conrad.

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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