



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2012 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jedlicka. In addition to the school board members, those present included Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Comley and Vrba, Assistant Principals Kovar and Reinsch, Superintendent Stevens, Curriculum Administrator Gibbons, and Student Council representative, Caleb Krejci.

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.D.1. Presentation of the 2011-2012 - Pekny and Associates

Discussion: Adam Elm, representing Pekny and Associates, was present to explain and answer questions about the 2011-2012 SCS audit. In particular, he recommended a change in internal controls and bank signature cards.

II.D.1.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the 2011-2012 audit, annual financial report and all supporting documents.

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

Discussion: Also present was newly elected school board member for 2013, Eric Cerny.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: State Student Council was held on November 4 in Lincoln. SCHS is a member of the District 5 State Student Council and members of the SCHS Student Council are trying to build rapport among the District 5 schools.

IV. Board Requests/Reports

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.C. Building and Grounds

Discussion: The roof on the multipurpose room at the North Ward/Preschool site is in need of repair. An updated bid to repair this roof will be secured and reported for the December meeting but before any additional repair work is done an investigation will be made into asbestos removal. Repairs need to be made to the modular classrooms due to hail damage; proceeds were received from the insurance company.

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the use of QSCB for the purchase of playground equipment @ SES, intercom/phone system and camera security system @ SCHS

Discussion: The remaining QSCB funds need to be used by November 2013. Preferred use includes playground equipment at SES and updating the camera and intercom at SCHS. It was suggested that playground equipment from the SMS site be moved to SES. Further discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

IV.C.2. Use of 4R building

Discussion: One idea for the future use of District 504R was to use the building for the behavioral services and education of SCS students that is currently being provided by Boys Town at their site in Duncan, NE. After conferring with a representative from Boys Town, Superintendent Stevens was informed that this would not be possible. Other models will be investigated and reported on at the December meeting.

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.E.1. Meeting dates and times are set

Discussion: The negotiations committee will be meeting with the SEA for three consecutive Tuesdays at 6:00 PM beginning on November 27, 2012.

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Discussion on 6th, 7th and 8th grade education

Discussion: Assistant Principal Reinsch spoke with teachers at Fishers #24 and Richland School about their views for the future education of rural 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. They would especially like to see 6th graders remain at the rural sites and questioned how long before other grades are absorbed into the town schools and what job security would remain for the teachers at the rural sites. Principal Reinsch would like the decision whether these students remain at the rural site or enter SMS to be with the parents of the students. The point was also made that the school board must represent all of the students of SCS district. This issue will be discussed again at one of

three points: in one year; shortly before the option enrollment deadline; or if the administration sees a significant change in student enrollment or curriculum.

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action on purchasing iPad liability insurance from Folda and Company starting January 1st, 2013 and ending May 31st, 2014.

IV.G.2. Discuss the Accreditation and School Improvement Policy Handbook

Discussion: Work continues on the Accreditation and School Improvement Policy handbook by Mr. Gibbons. It should be ready for the first reading by the December 2012 meeting.

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

IV.I.1. Update

Discussion: Brian Vavricek updated the school board on the progress of the SCS Foundation. They continue to work on their goal of a Fine Arts Center. They are also considering offering one additional \$1000 scholarship in May of 2013.

V. Administrative and Other Reports

V.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: Principal Reinsch informed the school board that lack of K-6 principal certification is in violation of Rule 10 accreditation. He does have confirmation of being granted a provisional certificate for the 2012-13 school year.

V.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

V.C. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Donations SCHS has received this fall include a trailer for the football team to haul equipment for away contests donated by the Schuyler Football Club; water bottles to the varsity teams each fall, winter and spring donated by Alegent/Creighton Health, and wireless score clocks for the girls and boys soccer fields donated by AYSO. Two new runner rugs have been purchased for use in the west gym to protect the gym floor from damage due to the use of chairs used by competing athletes.

V.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

V.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: The Schuyler Preschool currently has 102 students enrolled with one child on the waiting list.

V.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: On October 12th 2012 the SMS newcomers class and a group of 2nd year ELL students had the opportunity to attend the annual M.A.S.A. Youth Leadership Conference at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. M.A.S.A is a Mexican American Student Association that promotes cultural, social, and academic events designed to celebrate all Latino cultures. On October 22nd, 24 eighth grade students from SMS attended the 9th Annual state Hispanic/Latino Summit in Kearney, NE.

V.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: The Principal and Assistant Principal attended a law conference on managing student behavior. The SCHS Cultural Unity Club sponsored the Red Cross Blood Drive on November 7th. The 2012 Veterans Day program was held on Friday November 9th at 2:45pm. SCHS will be hosting FFA District L.S.E. on Wednesday November 21st. There will be no school for SCHS students.

V.H. Superintendent's Report

V.H.1. Costa Rica trip sponsored by Jayne Hlavac and Amber Beltrand

Discussion: A trip to Costa Rica will be organized by Jayne Hlavac and Amber Beltrand. It is open to SCHS students but is not sponsored by SCHS.

V.H.2. Felicitations reminder

V.H.3. Reminder: NASB/NCSA convention November 14th, 15th and 16th

V.H.4. Option and Transfers

V.H.5. Resignations and New Hires

V.H.5.1. Take action to accept the resignation of Ana Garcia, custodian.

V.H.5.2. Take action on the hiring of Jennfer Brokus Rodriguez, custodian.

V.H.6. Superintendent's Evaluation

Discussion: Board members were requested to complete their copies of the Superintendent's evaluation and submit them to President Jedlicka before November 22.

V.H.7. December 10th board meeting time adjustment

Discussion: The school board meeting for December will begin at 7:00 PM instead of the usual 6:30 PM.

VI. Correspondence Items

VI.A. Thank-you from Bill Gannon - passing of his mother Yvonne

Discussion: Correspondence was shared from Bill Gannon.

VII. Executive Session

VII.A. Motion to exit executive session

VIII. Adjournment

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