



Schuyler Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, December 10, 2012 7:00 PM  
Schuyler Central High School Music Room  
401 Adam Street  
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

#### I. Call Meeting to Order

**Discussion:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jedlicka. Board members Semerad and Parr were absent. Others present were Principals Pavlik, Comley, Grammer, and Vrba; Assistant Principal Reinsch and Student Representative Caleb Krejci.

#### I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

**Discussion:** All those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Jedlicka read the SCS Mission Statement.

#### I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

**Discussion:** President Jedlicka declared the meeting was preceded by advance notice and declared to be an 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.C.1.1. Discuss, consider and take action on December bills over \$5,000

##### II.D. Financial

##### II.E. Other Listed Reports

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

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

##### III.A.1. Recognition of Visitors and Guests

**Discussion:** Visitors at the meeting included Alejandra Dimas and Angelas Frias.

##### III.A.2. 6th grade World History presentation

**Discussion:** 6th grade teacher, Kay Johnson brought three of her students who portrayed historic people from the past. Kasey Brabec as Abraham, Andrea Patino as a native of India, and Pammela Garcia as Queen Nefertiti entertained board members and others present.

##### III.A.3. Joven Para Cristo - request for facility use

**Discussion:** The Joven Para Cristo group requested permission from the school board to use the

SCHS facility. A new school policy requires advance permission if the facility will be used overnight. Some discussion centered on the use of a Christian group using a public facility operated with tax dollars.

### III.B. Student Representative's Report

**Discussion:** Report highlighted the FFA LSE activity held at SCHS on November 21, the upcoming music concert, and a planned regional dodgeball tournament for March 2013. The SCHS group Project S/SerTeen will now be associated with Sertoma.

## IV. Board Requests/Reports

### IV.A. Americanism

### IV.B. Budget

#### IV.B.1. State Aid Update

**Discussion:** SCS will receive a “prior year adjustment” in state aid due to miscalculation by the NDE in state aid for 2012-2013. The \$290,000 miscalculation will not be realized until the 2013-2014 budget year.

### IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action to spend QSCB funds to replace the room intercom system @ SCHS, replace the safety and security cameras @ SCHS and to replace the entire roof @ North Ward

IV.C.1.1. Motion to amend to spend QSCB funds to replace the roof at North Ward only on the multipurpose room and entryway.

**Discussion:** Most discussion centered on the repair of the roof at North Ward, the future of the modular classrooms, and plans for housing preschool students. Two bids were received for the repair of the entire roof; one from Magnum Builders and one from JP Construction. The building and grounds committee recommended repairing the entire roof and upgrading the building in three phases. Questions were raised about the cost of demolishing the North Ward and selling the modular classrooms and the safety of using the North Ward building. It was recommended that a more comprehensive plan be put together for the next five to fifteen years that would include financing of wants and needs. Mr. Stevens and Principal Comley will meet to form a floor plan for a new preschool.

IV.C.2. Discuss, consider and take action on replacing a Van with another vehicle

**Discussion:** On November 28th, SCS the van that travels to Duncan daily to the Boys Town school site hit ice, skid and tipped on its side. There were no injuries but the van was a total loss. Suggestions for replacement of the van were a minivan, a comparable used van or a new van. Insurance money has been received and will be put toward the replacement. Ron Mundil will get bids for replacements and present the bids to the school board.

### IV.D. Curriculum

### IV.E. Negotiations

IV.E.1. Update on 2013-2014 negotiations

**Discussion:** Offers have been made from the SEA and the administration; the negotiations committee will meet on Tuesday, December 11.

## IV.F. Planning

### IV.F.1. Construction class alternatives

#### IV.F.2. C and G Properties, Inc. possible partnership with Schuyler Community Schools

**Discussion:** NeighborWorks will end the partnership with SCS and the construction class with the 2013-2014 school year. C and G Properties, a local company, is in the planning stages to take over the role of NeighborWorks for 2014-2015. The curriculum for the construction class will also be reevaluated by Principal Pavlik.

## IV.G. Policy

### IV.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the Accreditation and School Improvement policy

### IV.G.2. Discuss, consider and take action on the District Student Mobile Device Policy

## IV.H. Public Relations

### IV.H.1. "Our Town" program

**Discussion:** KOLN/KGIN TV from Lincoln will be highlighting Schuyler in February of 2013 in a weeklong segment. Various businesses and townspeople have made suggestions to the program coordinator, Amy Osterhoudt regarding unique and positive characteristics of our community.

## IV.I. Foundation

### IV.I.1. Update

**Discussion:** The SCS Foundation will be requesting a new member of the school board to replace Clint Parr. They will be seeking some financing from the Board of Education for an architectural drawing of a new fine arts center.

## V. Administrative and Other Reports

### V.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

### V.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

**Discussion:** The State of the Schools report is available for the public to view. Otis Pierce has presented the classroom use of the iPad to the Middle School staff a second time. Jeff Droge has also conducted some before-school and after-school workshops. We will have a representative from Apple here to train Middle School teachers on January 21.

### V.B.1. AdvancED exit report

**Discussion:** The Findings section presented the External Review Team's evaluation of the AdvancED Accreditation Standards and Indicators. It also included Powerful Practices and Opportunities for Improvement identified by the External Review Team, observations of the Learning Environment, as well as required actions.

### V.C. Activities Administrator Report

**Discussion:** Winter Sports athletes participating are: girls basketball, 28; boys basketball, 29; wrestling, 43, and wrestling aides, 23. Intramural sports are going well and we have several teams. An activity eligibility procedure has been implemented with intramurals at the high school facility, so students have to keep their grades up to participate in this activity.

### V.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

#### V.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

**Discussion:** On November 20th, Paola Acosta, the Save the Children coordinator, had a visit from the Early Childhood National Director Natalie Vega O'Neil from Washington D.C. Ms. Vega O'Neil was impressed with our Save the Children program, our school facilities, and the commitment that has been made by SCS. 64 "Yummy Backpacks" are placed in SES students' lockers each Friday so students may have food for the weekend. Food is provided by Foodbank of the Heartland.

#### V.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

**Discussion:** November 14th Parent Teacher Conferences were held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Teachers made contact with students who were struggling or failing prior to conferences thus offering another opportunity to speak with parents before the end of the first semester.

#### V.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

**Discussion:** Student login information for the Nebraska Online Assessment system has been updated and juniors will take the NeSA prep assessments prior toward the end of this semester. Teachers will use this data to help guide instruction and to create preparation activities to use during the months leading up to the NeSA assessments in April. Teachers are working on updating course descriptions of the proposed schedule for the 2013-14 school year

#### V.H. Superintendent's Report

V.H.1. The effects of poverty on accountability ... North Ward a possible part of the solution

V.H.2. Options and Transfers

V.H.3. Board of Education reorganization - January board meeting

**Discussion:** Election of officers and reassignment to committees will take place at the January 2013 meeting.

V.H.4. Superintendent's Evaluation

**Discussion:** Only five superintendent evaluations were returned; compiled results will be forwarded to President Jedlicka so he can share the results with the school board and the superintendent.

#### VI. Correspondence Items

#### VII. Executive Session

VII.A. Motion to exit executive session to discuss negotiations at 10:34 PM.

#### VIII. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board