



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2013 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
120 W. 20th St.
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Those present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Comley, and Vrba, Assistant Principals Kovar and Reinsch, Activity Administrator Egr, 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 declared the meeting had been posted in advance and was open to the public.

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 the liability insurance (including the workman's compensation insurance) provided by EMC represented by the Schuyler Agri-City Insurance starting May 15th, 2013 and ending May 14th, 2014.

Discussion: The board took no action on this item.

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

Discussion: Representing Agri-City Insurance were J.R. Gall and Steve Bailey. Mr. Bailey presented preliminary estimates of the premium increases on the workman's comp and liability insurance. He also stated that EMC insurance offers sixty minutes of attorney advice at no charge per year and webinars on loss control services. The deductibles on insurance coverages will be discussed by the school board.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Election of officers for the 13-14 school year for activities is in progress. The new Student Council school board representative will attend the May school board meeting.

IV. Board Requests/Reports

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the ESU 7 Levy/Core Services provided to Schuyler Community Schools for the 2013-2014 school year

IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.C.1. Gym Lighting Update

Discussion: Michelle Egr presented cost estimates to update lighting: SCHS East Gym \$10,000; SCHS West Gym \$16,000; and Middle School \$10,500. She stated SCS would see a 25% energy savings compared to the present lighting.

IV.C.2. Need to set a meeting date/time to discuss the Facility Plan

IV.C.3. Banner and 9th Street Gate Update

Discussion: Mr. Grammer talked to the City Clerk regarding the iron gates located at SMS. The city would be willing to remove the gates and dispose of the iron. If the school ever decided to reinstall gates, new gates would need to be constructed. The playground area across the street from SMS (9th and Banner) would be retained if it was determined the school would not be liable for injuries or have to pay insurance coverage on this area. Also the two merry-go-rounds on the North Ward property will be removed.

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.D.1. Memorandum of Understanding - Partnership between Schuyler Lumber, Inc. and SCS - Update

IV.D.2. Memorandum of Understanding

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.E.1. Salary Schedule Discussion between the Schuyler Community Schools Board of Education Negotiations Committee and The Schuyler Education Association Negotiations Committee

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Cell Phone Update

Discussion: Restrictions placed on cell phones for e-rate make it near impossible to meet the reimbursable guidelines. Therefore, e-rate reimbursement for SCS personnel is not an option. SCS will continue to provide the \$20 stipend to the administrator/coordinator if they want to use their personal cell for business and personal use.

IV.F.2. Discuss, consider and take action on the purchase of a mini-bus from Thomas Build Buses

Discussion: The bus will be ordered without LED lights or a white top for a \$1500 savings bringing the cost to \$58,576. Superintendent recommendation is the purchase of a full-size 60-passenger bus in the 2014-2015 school year.

IV.F.3. Early Childhood Education Update

Discussion: Mr. Comley met with representatives from the Buffet Foundation for the development of an Early Childhood Program. There are funds available for programs and program expansion. Any funds we receive must be matched with in-kind funds from SCS. An application for funds is due by May 15.

IV.G. Policy

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

IV.I.1. Update

Discussion: Brian Vavricek reported that Victor Lopez has been added to the SCS Foundation Board. A sub-committee has been formed comprised of Virginia Semerad, Joyce Baumert, and Sandy Seckman who will be in charge of fundraising. The teacher and para-educator of the year will be chosen next week. Shelley Friesz, district employee in the superintendent's office has been working on SCS Foundation items, approximately eight hours per month, during her regular workday. The school board approved this arrangement. If the demand for more hours increases, another arrangement will be made.

V. Administrative and Other Reports

V.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: The anticipated enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year is 45 students at Richland School and 70 students at Fishers #24.

V.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: SCS has been awarded initial Accreditation with the North Central Association on Accreditation and School Improvement. In order to maintain accreditation status, we must go to an online program called ASSIST and enter data on a very consistent basis.

V.C. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: U.S. Bank sponsored a contest for all schools through the NSAA; the SCHS activities department won the first place prize of \$2500! Classrooms with T12 bulbs will be replaced with T8 bulbs and new ballasts as needed.

V.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: Americom has completed the new phone and paging system at SCHS.

V.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

V.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

V.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: Interviews for a second SCHS counselor are scheduled for next April 10 and 11.

V.H. Superintendent's Report

V.H.1. Teaching staff evaluations

Discussion: Mr. Reinsch is currently endorsed as a 7-12 administrator but made a request to the NDE for a provisional K-6 endorsement. He has been working with UNK to receive the provision for the 13-14 school year. Beginning with the 13-14 school year, eight teachers in the SCS system will become tenured: five at SES, one at SMS, and two at SCHS. Teacher evaluations will be completed by April 15.

V.H.2. Discuss, consider and take action on staff resignations

V.H.3. Discuss, consider and take action on staff new hires

V.H.4. Transfers and Options

V.H.5. FCCLA Award Winner

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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