



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2013 6:30 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 6:30 by Vice President Richard Brabec. Jedlicka and Vavricek were absent. Others present were Curriculum Administrator Gibbons, Principals Grammer, Comley, Vrba and Pavlik, Superintendent Stevens, and Activity Administrator Egr. Also present was Student Council representative Caleb Krejci and SEA representative Laurie Schlautman.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: It was declared that this meeting was posted in advance in three public places and is 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.D. Financial

II.E. Other Listed Reports

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

Discussion: Teresa Mentzer, English teacher at SCHS who has worked for the National Park Service last summer and will continue this summer presented SCS with a membership to the National Parks Association. The membership was donated to SCS by the Schuyler Historical Society. The SCHS Library will also receive a magazine subscription to the National Park Association magazine.

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

III.A.1. Discuss, consider and take action Discuss, consider and take action on the liability insurance (including the worker's compensation insurance) provided by EMC represented by the Schuyler Agri-City Insurance starting May 15th, 2013 and ending May 14th, 2014.

Discussion: Steve Bailey, representing Agri-City Insurance explained options and premiums for property insurance.

III.A.2. Discuss, consider and take action on the renewal of the partnership with Central Nebraska Community Services - CNCS - for Headstart (for children ages 3 to 5) and Early Headstart (for children ages prenatal to 3) for 2013-2014 services.

Discussion: CNCS representative, Christy Hruza, along with Principal Bill Comley, explained the budget for the local Headstart Program and the application process for the Sixpence Grant. If SCS is selected for the 100% matching grant, the opportunity to accept or decline will be an option. The Buffet Foundation will continue to fund the "Save the Children" program.

III.A.3. Review of the Six Pence grant application

III.B. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Student Council officer elections for the 13-14 school year have taken place and Kellan Heavican will be the new school board student representative.

III.C. US Bank presentation - \$2,500 donation

Discussion: Nolan Samek, representing U.S. Bank presented SCS with a check for \$2500. U.S. Bank sponsored a contest open to all classes of schools in the NSAA; Schuyler won with 2003 points. The funds will be divided between the speech department, the One-Act Play production and the athletic fund.

IV. Board Requests/Reports

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.B.1. Set a date, time and location for a meeting with the technology coordinator to discuss the technology needs of the district

IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action on rescinding the motion passed at the regular meeting of April 8th, 2012. The motion reads, "Motion to approve the purchase of a mini-bus from Thomas Build Buses."

IV.C.2. Discuss, consider and take action to approve the purchase of a minibus for the 2013-2014 school year

Discussion: This action item was not voted on.

IV.C.3. Discuss, consider and take action on installing new lights in the competition gym for the 2013-2014 school year

IV.C.4. Discuss facility updates and general maintenance and improvements planned for completion by August 1st, 2013.

Discussion: A list was provided of the school board members of the proposed list of improvements to take place during the summer break and the updated five-year projected improvements.

IV.C.5. Discuss, consider and take action on purchasing new copy machines for SCHS for the 2013-2014 school year.

Discussion: Larry Anderson and Steve Racine from Eakes Office Equipment were present; Eakes currently provides copy machines to SCS. They explained that Sharp is a member of the

National Joint Powers Alliance, making Eakes Office Equipment able to offer more competitive rates. The current copiers have been in service at SCHS for six years.

IV.C.5.1. Motion to amend the purchase of new copy machines

IV.C.6. Discuss city's response to gifting the SMS playground to the city

Discussion: The City of Schuyler has expressed no interest in taking ownership or maintaining the playground at the corner of 10th and Banner Streets.

IV.C.7. Discuss Preschool Merry-go-round sell price and buyers

Discussion: Three bids were received for the sale of two merry-go-rounds and the top two bids were chosen.

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.D.1. Discuss, consider and take action expanding the SCS/ESU 7 partnership by upgrading the distance learning hardware for the 2013-2014 school year.

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.E.1. Discuss the need to set-up a meeting with representative from the support staff to discuss health insurance open enrollment requirements

Discussion: A meeting between the negotiation committee and– representatives from the support staff groups (Paras, Administrative Assistants, Kitchen Staff and Custodial Staff) will be set to discuss the Health Care open enrollment option.

IV.E.2. Update the work of the "salary schedule modification" discussion with the SEA

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Discussion on Board Meeting Location Rotation

Discussion: A brief discussion was held on moving the monthly school board meeting to different schools in the district. Two board members expressed the opinion that if the move was not necessary, the current meeting location should remain as is.

IV.F.2. Discuss moving July board meeting from July 8th to 15th

Discussion: The July board meeting will be moved to July 15 to aid in preparing bills for the meeting due to the 4th of July holiday.

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action on updated special education policies.

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IV.G.2. Discuss, consider and take action on 504 federal statute for meeting the needs of non-special education students who have a medical or disability hardship

Discussion: This action item was tabled until the June meeting.

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

IV.I.1. Update

Discussion: A plan for proposed funding of the proposed fine arts center will be prepared for the Labor Day weekend.

V. Administrative and Other Reports

V.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

V.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: K-12 Science Curriculum Team has evaluated our science programs and determined that at the K-5 level a new program from Pearson will be chosen called Interactive Science.

V.C. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Alegent-Creighton Health will offer free sports physicals to current 7th-11th graders at SCHS on Wednesday, May 15 and again on August 13.

V.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

V.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

V.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: 8th grade visitation was held May 7 at SCHS. The Family Consumer Science position was filled.

V.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

V.G.1. Grab and Go Breakfast Pilot

Discussion: The "Grab and Go" breakfast pilot program was successful at SCHS. The program will be offered in addition to the regular breakfast program in the 13-14 school year.

V.H. Superintendent's Report

V.H.1. Evaluation of principals, curriculum coordinator, activities and technology coordinator is complete

Discussion: Certified staff evaluations by the Superintendent are completed. Non-certified evaluations will be completed by the June school board meeting.

V.H.2. Evaluation of business manager, superintendent's office manager, food service coordinator and director of building and grounds will be completed prior to the regular June 10th, 2013 board meeting

V.H.3. Resignations

V.H.3.1. Discuss, consider and take action on the following resignation effective at the end of their 2012-2013 contract year: -Jennifer Schutt - 5th -Lois Jones - k-5 para educator -Brandon Thoene - 9-12 industrial tech -Dawn Prescott - 10 day extended contract - pk-12 webma

V.H.4. New hires

V.H.4.1. Discuss, consider and take action on offering a contract for the 2013-2014 school year to: -Nancy Kneen - 9-12 counselor

V.H.5. Graduation procedure modifications

V.H.6. Colfax County/Cargill property tax repayment update

Discussion: SCS have realized a reduction in the amount of over-paid taxed owed to Colfax County of approximately \$170,000 due to the fact that total money owed will be paid by all county tax supported subdivisions. The SCS portion is \$276,000. SCS is not obligated to pay this for three to four more years.

V.H.7. NASB reminders: -School Law Seminar - Kearney - June 7th -Open Meetings Workshop - Lincoln (June 26th) or Norfolk June 27th -NASB/NCSA State Convention - Papillion/LaVista November 20, 21, 22

V.H.8. Emergency Medical Leave Bank request - from support staff, administration bank

Discussion: A request for eleven days from the EMLB will be granted to a support staff member.

V.H.9. Board award verification

V.H.10. EMC wind and hail adjustment - \$14,348

Discussion: SCS has received a check for \$14,348 for damages caused by wind and hail this spring.

V.H.11. City hearing - Blighted area study - TIF program

Discussion: The City of Schuyler has conducted a blighted area study to help secure tax-increment financing. Much of the area included in the identified area is near SES. A public hearing is required to detail the outcome of the study.

V.H.12. Letter of support for Cobblestone Hotel

V.H.13. Option Enrollment and Transfer Update

VI. Correspondence Items

VI.A. Family of Bill Gannon

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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