



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2013 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 and the Vision and the Mission Statement was read by President Jedlicka. Others present at the meeting were Principals Pavlik, Vrba, Grammer, Reinsch, and Comley; Assistant Principal Kovar; Curriculum Director Gibbons, Activity Administrator Egr; and Superintendent, Dr. Hoelsing.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Jedlicka declared that this meeting has been posted in advance in three public places and that the meeting 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.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.B. Other topics (limited to 5 minutes - subject to guidelines of the Board Participation Policy)

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Student Council members aided with the iPad distribution and also at Freshmen/New Student Orientation. The Back-to-School Dance will be held August 16. SCHS received a grant from the State Forestry Service to build an amphitheater in the green space just west of the main school building. The local FFA Chapter will be featured on RFD TV from August 18-21.

IV. Board Requests/Reports

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.F. Planning

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action to approve 2nd reading of 2013-14 policy updates.

Discussion: Dr Hoelsing presented and made recommendations for new board policies on the following: Kindergarten Entrance Requirements; Option Enrollment Policy; Assessment and Standards Update; Initiations and Hazing; and GASB Audit Requirements.

IV.G.1.1. Motion to waive the first reading on the new policy on compulsory attendance.

IV.G.2. Discuss, consider and take action to fund the Early Retirement Incentive Program for the 2013-14 school year.

Discussion: The Nebraska State Legislature took no action that would change the policy on Early Retirement. The ERIP policy adopted by the SCS Board of Education will remain unchanged.

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

Discussion: The SCS Foundation met on August 5. Ideas were presented to develop a "Distinguished Alumni Award." Plans are being made to have a float in the Labor Day parade.

IV.J. Personnel

IV.J.1. Discuss, consider and take action to approve staff resignations.

IV.J.2. Discuss administrative recommendations on new hires.

V. Administrative and Other Reports

V.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: Classes at the rural schools begin with a half day on Wednesday, August 14th. Enrollment at Richland School is 41 students and at Fishers #24 is 71 students.

V.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: On August 13, 2013 NeSA Reading, Math and Science results will be released to public (district and school level data only)in addition to the Preliminary AYP results on the 2013 SOSR Preview. SCS received an Accreditation letter from AdvancED. It shows that we have the Accreditation Status of Accredited Warned. They reminded SCS of three required actions with submission of evidence or required actions within two years.

V.C. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Sport practices begin on August 12th for football, softball, and girls golf. Volleyball and cross country begin on August 19th. Sports physicals will take place at Schuyler Central High School on August 13th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Schedules are available on the school

web site. On August 15th, EMS and our football coaches will review football stand-by EMS services. The goal is to have a good partnership with all teams, trainers and coaches to create a win-win for everyone.

V.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: Americom completed the phone and intercom system at Fishers #24, and Richland School. Rebates were received from Cornhusker Public Power District for installation of energy saving lights and T-12 ballast replacements. Nelson Construction has completed replacement of the vinyl siding on modular classrooms damaged by hail. The balance of insurance monies has been received for wind and hail damage.

V.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: As of 8/13/2013, enrollment at SES is 799 students. New staff at SES include Clete Vrbka: physical education; Megan Hanner: 3rd grade; Kasey Hansen: 4th grade; Bri Birkel: 4th grade; Ashley Hann: 5th grade; and Danielle Wieberdink: 5th grade.

V.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: New staff at SMS are: Mrs. Jill Hoelsing, 8th grade language arts teacher; Ms. Miranda Mally, 7th and 8th grade science teacher; Mr. Guillermo Gutierrez, technology lab instructor; Mrs. Sue Steffensmeier, 6th grade reading teacher; and Mrs. Barbara Kudera, Family and Consumer Science teacher.

V.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: Additions to the SCHS staff this year are Nicole Sempek (Math), Will Dawes (Industrial Technology), Sean Wickham (Social Studies), Nancy Kneen (Counselor), and Aaron Thumann (Weights/PE). This summer was the first time that the SCHS office was staffed throughout. The office was open from 8-10am Monday through Thursday.

V.H. Superintendent's Report

V.H.1. Discuss board member attendance at NASB fall meetings.

Discussion: The NASB is offering continuing education in September and October for School Board members. One topic included will be Labor Relations.

V.H.2. Review 2013-14 Certificated Staff Report.

Discussion: A report of total staff serving SCS schools was given to the school board members. It compared 12-13 with 13-14 with the current year showing a slight increase.

VI. Correspondence Items

VI.A. Update on student option enrollment and transfer requests.

Discussion: Option enrollment and transfers of students in the district included 9 intra-district transfers and two options out of the district.

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

Discussion: Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM. All members voted aye.

IX. 2013-14 Budget Workshop

Discussion: After the adjournment of the formal school board meeting a budget workshop was

held in the SCHS Library Annex. Discussion centered on reviewing the 2012-13 budget and discussing budget goals for the 2013-14 school year The workshop concluded at 9:00 PM.

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