



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2013 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Budget Hearing

Discussion: The Budget Hearing was convened at 6:30 PM on September 16 to review, discuss, consider, and receive input and/or support oppose, criticize, suggest or make observations regarding the 2013-2014 budget. With no comment being made, the hearing was closed at 6:32 P.M.

II. Levy Setting Hearing

Discussion: The Levy Setting Hearing was convened at 6:32 PM on September 16, 2013 to review, discuss, consider, receive input, and hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from taxpayers relating to the 2013-2014 proposed property tax levy. With no comments being made, the hearing was closed at 6:34 PM.

III. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jedlicka. Those administrators present were Hoelsing, Comley, Grammer, Kovar, Reinsch, Gibbons, Vrba. Also present was Technology Coordinator Kerri Krivohlavek and Student Council Representative to the School Board, Kellan Heavican.

III.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: The dates and agendas of hearings and this meeting were published in advance in three public places in compliance with the open meetings law. President Jedlicka read the Vision and the Mission Statements. All those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

IV.A. Agenda

IV.B. Minutes

IV.C. Acceptance of Claims

IV.C.1. Bills of \$5,000 or more

IV.D. Financial

IV.E. Other Listed Reports

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

V.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

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

V.C. Student Representative's Report

V.D. Recognition of All-A Honor Roll Students from the 2012-13 School Year.

Discussion: Students who received all A's for all four terms during the 2012-2013 school year were honored by recognition of the school board. Students receiving awards from Assistant Principal Kovar were: Rachel Folda, Megan Jedlicka, Kalen Kasik, Anabel Lira, Emily Semerad, Connor Flynn, Rebecca Folda, and Preston Hall.

VI. Action Items

VI.A. Budget

VI.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the proposed 2013-14 budget.

VI.A.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the 2013-14 property tax resolution as presented.

VI.B. Negotiations

VI.B.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve amending the 2013-14 classified staff handbook.

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing recommended that all classified staff changes be considered in the spring to avoid making amendments in the fall. This would allow the auditors to see that the school board approved all salary changes in advance of the change.

VI.C. Policy

VI.C.1. Discuss, Consider and take action to approve the agreement with the Nebraska Association of Schools boards for their online policy service.

Discussion: To make all SCS operations more transparent, all board meetings, committee meetings, and administrative meetings will now be posted on the NASB website. In addition, minutes from meetings, board policy, agendas and any other pertinent information will be saved in an HTML version making all information available in the reader's primary language. A counter will be placed on each page to gauge how many times a page is viewed.

VI.D. Personnel

VI.D.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve administrative recommendation on new hires.

VII. Discussion Items and Reports

VII.A. Schuyler Education Foundation Report

Discussion: Minutes from the Schuyler Education Foundation will be posted in future Board of Education minutes. Fundraising professionals will meet with the Foundation members at their October meeting to present information.

VII.B. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: Rural Enrollments as of 9/16/13 - Fishers #24 - 73 Students (48 Families) Richland School - 37 Students (28 Families) Congratulations to Gage Stutzman and Davis Arriaza, two 2nd graders at Fishers #24, for having their art work selected for the NE Dept. of Environmental

Quality calendar. Students attended a reception in August at the State Capital and had their picture taken with Governor Heineman. Operating Councils will be meeting Tuesday, September 17 at Fishers #24 and Wednesday, September 18 at Richland School.

VII.C. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

VII.C.1. Curriculum Director Board Report

Discussion: Accreditation/School Improvement – We have established the following school improvement goals: 1. All students in Schuyler Community Schools will improve reading proficiency. 2. All students in Schuyler Community Schools will improve math proficiency. These goals are the generic, overall district goals. From these goals, each building creates more specific goals with measurable outcomes and strategies for implementation. This is the year to study our Social Studies curriculum according to the previously mentioned curriculum cycle. One way that Social Studies is different from other curricular areas is that state law requires Americanism be taught. We will need to have the Americanism committee meet on occasion to discuss the curriculum. NeSA Reading, Math and Science Assessments scores from 2013 were made public and shared with the Board of Education.

VII.D. Activities Administrator Report

VII.D.1. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: The NSAA has a new policy for coaches. Each coach must go through concussion training. In the past, SCS recommended training and educated coaches. With the NSAA required training, SCS coaches now take an online course and print out a certificate stating that they have completed the training.

VII.E. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: Digital pictures (before and after) were shared of the updated SCHS boys' locker room and Preschool Multi-purpose room.

VII.F. Schuyler Elementary School Report

VII.F.1. SES Board of Education Report

Discussion: Current enrollment at SES is 787 students and at the Schuyler Preschool is 105 students. Some new playground equipment at the Preschool was installed on 9/16/13. This equipment is age appropriate for children at the Preschool.

VII.G. Schuyler Middle School Report

VII.G.1. SMS Board Report

Discussion: The new PITSCO Science lab is now up and running at the middle school. There are 18 modules of different science curricular areas. The lab will be utilized by all three grade levels at the middle school. A grade level should get through at least six modules per year. Which means a student who attends SMS for three years will work through all 18 modules in the science lab. The new Grab and Go Breakfast program has seen a successful implementation because of the staff's willingness to work with the program. The first week 40 students participated and the second week there were 120 students and more recently with a daily average of 180 students.

VII.H. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: We are currently serving twelve students at our 4R Alternative Education School

with ten high school students and two middle school students. Barbara Saathoff is the head teacher. In addition we have two para-educators and Special Education support. Current 2013-14 enrollment at SCHS - 9th Grade - 110 students, 10th Grade - 106 students, 11th Grade - 124 students, and 12th Grade - 134 students.

VII.H.1. SCHS Report

VII.I. Superintendent's Report

VII.I.1. Option/Transfer Student Report

VII.I.2. District-wide meeting schedule

VII.J. Board Reports

VII.J.1. NASB Area Membership Meeting

Discussion: A team of administrators and teachers will attend a technology conference in Kearney in October. After this training, a technology plan will be put into place for the 2014-2015 school year.

VII.J.2. Labor Relations Conference

VII.J.3. State Conference: November 20-22, 2013

VIII. Correspondence Items

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

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