



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2013 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: President Jedlicka called the meeting to order. Board members present were Jedlicka, Brabec, Cerny, Vavricek, Misek; Semerad was absent. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Comley, Vrba, and Reinch; Assistant Principal Kovar, Activity Administrator Egr, Curriculum Director Gibbons; and Student Representative Kellan Heavican.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Jedlicka stated that this meeting was posted in advance in accordance with the open meetings act and this meeting was open to the public.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

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)

Discussion: Lucas Juarez, representing Young Adults for Christ, affiliated with Divine Mercy Parish asked for the use of the high school for a three-day retreat which would include two overnights. It would include approximately 150 participants. They would hire SCS maintenance for any needs required. A question was raised about violating the "separation of church and state" rule. Dr. Hoelsing said because the participants are adults and they are not a "captive audience" there should be no violation. The school board will act on this at the November meeting.

III.C. Recognition of Students of the Month

III.D. Recognition of Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest Winner

III.E. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: State Student Council will be held October 18 at Millard South. FFA members newest project includes breeding two sows and raising the piglets with the intention that members will show the grown piglets at the Colfax County Fair.

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Curriculum

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the affiliation agreement with Central Community College

IV.B. Negotiations

IV.B.1. Set the date and time for the board negotiations committee to meet with the SEA to begin negotiations for the 2014-15 contract year.

IV.B.2. Recognize SEA as Sole Bargaining Agent for 2015-16 Certificated Contract Negotiations

IV.C. Planning

IV.C.1. Amend the 2013-14 School Calendar

IV.C.2. Set date, time, and place for the 2014 Strategic Planning Meeting.

Discussion: Arrangements will be made to include parents, support staff, administration, community members, building representatives, and other interested persons to discuss ideas for the 2014 strategic plan. Dr. Hoelsing will prepare a format for those attending to follow. Suggested dates to meet were October 22, 24, or 29.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Education Foundation Report

Discussion: The SCS Education Foundation met October 7. The professional fundraising group, Paul J. Strawhecker, Inc. provided the group with a detailed outline of their services. They would check the feasibility of the fundraiser before making recommendations. This is the same company that raised funds for the local hospital.

V.B. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: Mr. Reinsch met with the operating councils of the two rural schools. Both schools are involved in separate community-service projects.

V.C. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: Standards/Assessment/Accountability “ The State of the Schools report has been released to the public. There are links on the home page of the district website. Included in this release are the follow status reports: Federal Accountability “ As a district, Schuyler Community Schools is in the third year of “Needs Improvement.” This does bring an additional list of requirements for us to complete. Here are the results at the building level for the 2012 “ 13 school year: Richland “ Elementary Reading: Met Elementary Math: Not Met

Middle Reading: Not Met Middle Math: Not Met 4R - Elementary Reading: Met Elementary Math: Met SES - Elementary Reading: Not Met Elementary Math: Not Met Fishers #24 - Elementary Reading: Met Elementary Math: Met Middle Reading: Not Met Middle Math: Not Met SMS - Middle Reading: Not Met Middle Math: Not Met SCHS - Reading: Met Math: Met

V.D. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: At the NSAA Board of Directors meeting the main discussion points and actions included "Opting in Classifications." Approved a ruling in regards to opting up in activities classification. The approved ruling will read as follows: A school which elects to opt up to a higher classification in any NSAA sponsored program must opt up to that same relative classification in every NSAA activity that school, in a non-cooperative sponsorship status participates in during that school year with the exception of football and music.

V.E. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: The water at Richland School will be tested again for coliform at the end of October to determine if further action needs to be taken.

V.F. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: Gross sales for the annual SES fundraiser totaled \$34,739.

V.G. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: Attendance at Parent Teachers Conferences had an over-all 68% attendance attributed to extra contact with parents through phone reminders using Campus Messenger.

V.H. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: Mr. Kovar complimented Ms. Saathoff, teacher at the 504R Alternative Education School on working to develop successes in this program. He also complimented the support staff for their part in helping students succeed. Mr. Pavlik gave a review of the ACT Profile report comparing data of students who took the test in years 2009-2013. New for the 13-14 year, the administration, counseling staff, and the faculty at SCHS will be working together to increase awareness and understanding of the educational opportunities at SCHS and beyond of all stakeholders in the educational process.

V.I. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: The 12-13 audit is close to being completed; Dr. Hoelsing has included a summary for board members. The question was raised about traffic flow around Fishers #24 when construction on the levee begins. Sue Jacobus supply Dr. Hoelsing with information as soon as it becomes available.

V.I.1. District Audit Management and Discussion Report

V.I.2. Option/Transfer Student Report

V.I.3. Early Retirement Policy and Eligibility List

V.I.4. State Board Report

V.J. Board Member and Committee Reports

VI. Correspondence Items

Discussion: Correspondence was received from the City of Schuyler regarding a hearing on October 15 to discuss the construction of a new hotel on the north end of town. Information was received from the Nebraska Whole Child Project which included data on childhood obesity.

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board