



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2013 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jedlicka. Board members present were Jedlicka, Semerad, Vavricek, Cerny, and Misek; Brabec was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Vrba, and Reinsch; Assistant Principal Kovar, Curriculum Director Gibbons; Activity Administrator Egr; and Student Council Representative Kellan Heavican.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Jedlicka stated that the meeting date and the agenda had been posted to the public in advance.

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 presentations be limited in their length.

III.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

Discussion: Principal Pavlik presented a diploma to Leo Torres, the first graduate from the Alternative Education School located at the District 4-R building. Also present at the meeting was Mandy Yosten, representing the SEA.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Kellan Heavican reported on the Veteran's Day program that was held at SCHS on November 11 at 8:30 AM in the east gym. New to the program this year was the addition of a slide show.

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Budget

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider and approve acceptance of the 2012-13 AFR and District Audit Reports.

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing pointed out that the Annual Financial Report is a reflection of the budget at this point in time; in addition it allows any necessary pluses, minuses or corrections to be made. The auditors always stress that cash be double-counted and that there is a segregation of duties where cash is involved. The auditors welcomed any board members with questions to visit their office.

IV.A.2. Discuss, consider and approve a transferring \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Activity Fund.

IV.B. Building and Grounds

IV.B.1. Accept gift from Elementary PTO toward the purchase of playground equipment.

Discussion: Missy Glodowski, Elizabeth James, and Megan Reinert representing the SCS PTO, presented SCS with \$35,000 to help purchase additional playground equipment to be placed at SES. The equipment will be age-appropriate for ages 5-12 years. The total purchase and installation will cost \$49,166.

IV.B.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment from Creative Sites

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing said that some site preparation will be needed before the new playground equipment is installed due to the fact that water collects in this area.

IV.C. Planning

IV.C.1. Set the date for the district strategic planning for December 12, 2013.

IV.D. Public Relations

IV.D.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve request from the Young Adults for Christ (Divine Mercy) to rent facilities for a 3-day retreat.

Discussion: This event is in compliance with board policy. If the school board would see a need to make changes to this policy, they may do so in the future.

IV.E. Personnel

IV.E.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve administrative recommendation to reassign Juan Melendrez to the maintenance position and hire a new person for the high school house keeping position.

IV.F. Curriculum

IV.F.1. American Junior Academy Science Fair

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Schuyler Foundation Report

Discussion: Paul Strawhecker from Paul Strawhecker, Inc., a professional fundraising and development firm, was present to explain how his company could assist the SCS Foundation in their quest to fund a fine arts center and answer questions from the school board members. He

explained that they first interview community leaders, analyze and make recommendations and then present the results to a designated group. This firm had previously made a full presentation to the SCS Foundation. The SCS Foundation will assume operation of the SCS Alumni website from the Schuyler Development Corporation as of 1/1/2014.

V.B. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: At Richland School a Box Tops contest raised \$157.20 which will be used in part to pay for a parent-prepared Thanksgiving Dinner scheduled for Monday, November 18. Students at Fishers #24 raised \$87 to be sent to the tornado relief effort in Wayne, NE.

V.C. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: Curriculum Work - Meetings have taken place with Ktg-5h grade teachers and 6th-12th grade teachers. The main goals of these meetings are to double-check that curriculum meets all standards and to evaluate program materials. School Improvement Member teams attended SIP workshops and had the opportunity to learn more about the process of using the AdvancED Standards.

V.D. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: U.S. Bank® and the Nebraska School Activities Association were proud to announce the 2013--14 Believers and Achievers. SCHS senior Kellan Heavican was one of the winners of this prestigious award. He and the other winners will be recognized at the NSAA State Championships throughout the 2013-2014 activities year. Activity sponsors/coaches will all meet on November 22nd. The topics of conversation will be Retention, Being Competitive and Improving Parental Involvement. This will allow each sponsor/coach to see how to improve in each area in addition to what is already being done.

V.E. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing reported that there are some leaks in the ceiling and a threshold on the north side at SES that are being addressed. It was reported from Larry Wennekamp, Schuyler Department of Utilities Water Supervisor that the drinking water at Richland School is back in compliance with the microbiological standards for drinking water.

V.F. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: Schuyler Preschool enrollment is currently at 109 children.

V.G. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: Two individuals were interviewed for the Truancy (Resource) Officer position. This is funded by a grant through the County Attorney's office to assist with attendance issues within the district. The position was offered to Dawn Schultz. On Monday, October 28th, twenty 8th-grade students and six sponsors attended the 10th Annual Hispanic/Latino Summit at Kearney, NE. This year's focus was "Looking Forward: High School is not enough. The emphasis was on becoming college bound.

V.H. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: The Nebraska Department of Education is working with UNL to conduct a study looking at the academic progress of Latino students in high schools across Nebraska. The study will include the ten Nebraska high schools with the highest percentage of Latino students, which will include SCHS. SCHS sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on November 6 with Culture Club and Project "S"/SerTeen in charge of organization. There were over 100 potential donors with 88 pints being collected.

V.I. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: The district crisis team (Dr. Hoelsing, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kment, and Mr. Zegers) attended a two-day crisis intervention program at Educational Service Unit 3. Work will be done on other strategies to improve communication and educate the community and first responders as to the role of the crisis team in the district.

V.J. Board Member and Committee Report

Discussion: The negotiations committee met with members of the SEA negotiations team to begin contract negotiations for the 2014-15 school year.

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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