



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2013 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: All board members present except Semerad; she arrived at 6:35 PM. Others present were Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Pavlik, Reinsch, Grammer, Comley, Vrba; Assistant Principal Kovar; Activity Administrator Egr; Curriculum Director Gibbons; and Student Council Representative Kellan Heavican.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Jedlicka recited the Mission Statement.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Jedlicka stated that the meeting had been preceded by advance notice with a copy of the Open Meetings Act which was posted in the hallway outside the Media Center.

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: A meat & cheese tray was delivered to the School Board meeting compliments of Agri-City Insurance.

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: A Winter Sports Pep Rally will be held on December 10. One-Act Play placed 5th in District competition.

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Negotiations

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the 2014-15 Certificated Staff Master Agreement as presented.

Discussion: The certificated staff approved this agreement on 12/5/13. Negotiations for the Superintendent will begin after January 1, 2014.

IV.B. Personnel

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve administrative recommendation to hire Matthew Wachal for the replacement high school custodial position.

IV.B.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve Deborah Buchholz-Sterup's resignation effective at the end of the first semester.

Discussion: A replacement is being sought. A decision will be made later whether the replacement will be for one-semester or given a contract.

IV.B.3. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the Superintendent's 2013-14 fall performance evaluation.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Schuyler Foundation Report

Discussion: The most recent meeting was December 2, 2013. On December 10, the Foundation will officially take over the duties of the Schuyler Alumni website. They discussed the best way to proceed with the feasibility study after reviewing the results from the District Strategic Planning meetings.

V.B. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

V.C. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: Some teachers have been trained to use the NeSA testing software in order to work with students to prepare for the assessment. Board members can see the practice test by going to <https://ne.drcedirect.com/> in a Google Chrome browser. The NeSA writing test will begin in January, 2014.

V.D. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: December 11th is the next Holiday Basketball Tourney meeting and also our next conference meeting. November 18 was the Winter Sports Parents' Meeting at SCHS. Parental involvement at activities is improving but not where it should or could be; small progress has been seen.

V.E. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: Some backflow devices need to be replaced according to Larry Wennkamp, (Department of Utilities) in four areas. We will have a licensed plumber install the main back flow device and we also will need an annual inspection every year.

V.F. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: At the 2013 NeSA Medal ceremony a total of 621 medals were given out.

V.G. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: The new science lab has been up and running for the month of November. SMS participated in the East Central Nebraska Sumdog Math contest held on-line October 25th through the 31st. In one week, 113 students answered a total of 54,994 math questions correctly.

SMS was the overall winner of the contest. On November 22nd, three eighth grade students presented at the NASB Tech Showcase in La Vista.

V.H. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: A change in course offering for 2nd semester will be in the area of Industrial Technology. Replacing advanced automotive technology will be a class in carpentry. The automotive technology class shares classroom space with the welding class and space is limited. More discussion is needed on the future of the automotive technology classes. Short lessons for review have started in the Focus classes for juniors. The Language Arts PLC team created a short reading quiz that students took using My Big Campus as the delivery system. Additionally, Information from Nebraska Online assessment and Check for learning (C4L) are being used by teachers in math, science, and language arts to help identify areas of strengths and weaknesses.

V.I. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Schuyler Community Schools were not selected as a finalist in the 2013 School Bus Rebate Program. NDEQ received more applications than available rebates; however, if one of the other finalists does not meet specifications, those on the waiting list will be considered. A second Strategic Planning Workshop will be held December 19 at SCHS. A series of questions will be posed to those attending to help the school board and administration prepare the district for a plan for the future. Everyone, including parents and community members, is invited to attend. Dr. Hoelsing said "The greater the input-the greater the results."

V.J. Board Member and Committee Reports

Discussion: School board members shared highlights of work sessions they attended at the NASB State Conference. All thought it was very impressive and worthwhile. A meeting was scheduled with the Cargill Management Team and Human Relations Personnel for Tuesday, December 10th at 2:30 PM.

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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