



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2014 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 at 6:30 PM. Others present at the meeting included Superintendent Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Reinsch, and Comley, Assistant Principal Kovar, and Curriculum Director Gibbons.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Jedlicka announced that the meeting had been preceded by advance notice in three public places and was declared to be in open session.

I.C. Officer Election

Discussion: President Jedlicka called for election of officers.

I.C.1. President

Discussion: Misek nominated Jedlicka for the office of President of the Board of Education. Vavricek seconded the motion. Voting aye were Brabec, Jedlicka, Misek, Cerny, and Vavricek. Absent was Semerad. Motion carried.

I.C.2. Vice-President

Discussion: Jedlicka nominated Brabec for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. Cerny seconded the motion. Jedlicka then made a motion to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Brabec. Vavricek seconded that motion. Voting aye were Brabec, Jedlicka, Misek, Cerny and Vavricek. Semerad was absent.

I.C.3. Secretary

Discussion: Brabec nominated Semerad for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education. Jedlicka seconded the nomination. Vavricek made a motion that nominations cease and asked for a unanimous ballot to elect Semerad. All voted aye, motion passed.

I.C.4. Treasurer

Discussion: Misek nominated Vavricek for the office of Treasurer of the Board of Education. Cerny seconded the motion and asked that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Vavricek. All voted aye, motion carried.

I.C.5. NASB Government Relations Representative

Discussion: Misek nominated Jedlicka for the NASB Government Relations Representative; Semerad seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

I.C.6. Committee Appointments

Discussion: Board of Education Committee appointments for the upcoming year are as follows:

1. Americanism: All Board Members 2. Negotiations: Lumir Jedlicka, Rich Brabec, Chuck Misek 3. Budget/Finance: Lumir Jedlicka, Rich Brabec, Brian Vavricek 4. Policy: Lumir Jedlicka, Rich Brabec, Chuck Misek 5. Curriculum: Rich Brabec, Virginia Semerad, Eric Cerny 6. Building and Grounds: Chuck Misek, Rich Brabec, Eric Cerny 7. Planning/Calendar: Virginia Semerad, Chuck Misek, Eric Cerny 8. Foundation-Public Relations: Lumir Jedlicka, Virginia Semerad, Brian Vavricek

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

Discussion: Visitors at the meeting included Laurie Schlautman and Bill Zegers.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Curriculum

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the contract with Diane Wolf to write a 21st Century Program grant.

Discussion: This grant application, which will request approximately \$250,000, will partner with Cargill and the Schuyler Public Library. The purpose of this grant application will be to extend school days and services offered. It will be a five-year grant. Parents at SMS and SES will be surveyed in advance to gain their input before the grant application is submitted. The application is due 2/3/14.

IV.A.1.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the support of the 21st Century Learning Center

IV.B. Planning

IV.C. Discuss, consider, and take action to review the early retirement incentive program policy for future years.

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing advised the Board that they had three options for this program - discontinue it, make it available every three years or continue the program. The policy committee will give this program further study and offer options at a future meeting.

IV.D. Personnel

IV.D.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve Mrs. Amanda Hutton for the replacement Spanish Teacher Position at SCHS.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

V.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: NeSA writing assessments will begin the third week in January, 2014. SCS received notification from the NDE that we are classified as "Needs Improvement." The district is already in the process of following the recommended action plan. This will be partnered with the Strategic Action Plan for future planning. Gibbons noted that this is the year that every student in all schools will be expected to meet 100% of the recommended standards.

V.C. Activities Administrator Report

V.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

V.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: The new playground equipment is installed and being enjoyed by the students. Principal Comley complimented Paola Acosta and Amanda O'Malley for the outstanding work they are doing with the Early Childhood Program.

V.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: The canned food drive to support the Community Food Pantry collected 1,295 cans of food. 70% of the SMS student body qualified for an Incentive Day Award.

V.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: Second semester enrollment is 464 students - 9th grade, 115; 10th grade, 101; 11th grade, 117; and 12th grade, 128. Focus lessons have begin for the NeSA test prep in reading and will start soon in the areas of math and science. started.

V.H. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing gave a brief overview of the process taken when a school day is cancelled or an early release or a late start is required. He asked if any other television or radio stations should be added to those already contacted. Dr. Hoelsing will attend the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting; Vavricek will attend the NASB Data Workshop; and Dr. Hoelsing and Jedlicka will attend the NASB Legislative Issues Conference at the end of January.

V.I. Foundation Report

Discussion: The SCS Foundation met on 1/13/14. Discussed changing the title of the SCHS-Pepsi Scholarship to that of Distinguished Alumni Scholarship.

V.J. Strategic Plan Report

Discussion: Results of the Strategic Action Plan from school personnel and community members were distributed. Cargill employees will be given an opportunity to voice their opinions on 1/15/14. Administrators will work with the planning committee to put the results into an action plan with goals and timelines.

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board