



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2014 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Vice President Brabec called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Also present were Principals Grammer, Comley, Vrba, Pavlik, and Reinsch, Superintendent Dr. Hoelsing, Activity Administrator Egr, Curriculum Coordinator Gibbons and Student Council representative Kellan Heavican.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: Vice President Brabec declared that the meeting was open to the public and had been posted in public places prior to the meeting time.

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: Also present representing the SEA were Rebecca Thumann, Bill Zegers, and Becky Black

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: Student Council has offered a Computer Fun compatibility quiz for Valentine's Day. National Honor Society is sponsoring a Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The FFA Alumni breakfast will be held Sunday, February 16 with the Pops Concert following at 2:00 PM.

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Budget

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the contract with Grand Island Physical Therapy for occupational therapy services for the 2014-15 school year.

IV.A.2. Discuss, consider, and approve Contract with ESU 7 for Level I, II, and III Special Education Services for the 2014-15 school year.

IV.B. Planning

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the resolution to apply for a school improvement grant.

Discussion: SMS is the only school in our district that would qualify for this grant opportunity. It is a three-year grant that could only be used for school improvement. The SIG grant allows for pre-implementation funding for the months leading up to the official start of the project.

IV.C. Policy

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the finance committee's recommendation to fund the early retirement program for the 2014-15 school year.

Discussion: The finance committee has recommended funding the program for the 2014-15 school year. They also recommend the policy be reviewed and staff members informed of possible changes to the policy. This policy was originally put in place to save the district money and to reward teachers for years of service. Dr. Hoelsing commented he would like to make this policy more transparent.

IV.D. Personnel

IV.D.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to accept Keri Jo Krivohlavek's resignation.

Discussion: Vavricek complimented Kerri Krivohlavek for the exceptional service she provided to the SCS district.

IV.D.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve Superintendent, Principal, Director, and Program Coordinator Contracts for the 2014-15 school year.

Discussion: Salaries from area schools were compared to what SCS is paying to get a better idea of what to offer and to be fair. The starting point was to look at the 14-15 contracts for teachers.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Strategic Planning Report

Discussion: Summary results from the Strategic Planning questionnaire from employees at Cargill were shared with the board members. All results give a good picture of district patrons wants and needs.

V.B. Schuyler Community Foundation Report

Discussion: The Schuyler Community Foundation met on 2/10/14. They will host the Chamber of Commerce After Hours on February 13, 2014. A check for \$2500 from Monsanto will be presented in March to the Foundation by Brian Vavricek.

V.C. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Discussion: The "Math Counts" contest day will be held Saturday, February 15.

V.D. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: The NeSA writing has been administered and is complete. ELDA assessments will begin on February 10. Pamphlets were handed out to board members explaining progress made on the assessment system. A change is being contemplated for next year in the type of achievement tests the district uses. With the school board approval, MAP assessments will be used in place of PLAN assessments. MAP tests will provide even more in-depth results more quickly so data can be used for student interventions.

V.E. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Work will begin soon on the summer activity calendar. Arrangements are being made with Alegent- Creighton Health for sports physicals for the 14-15 school year. Concession sales and attendance have increased during the winter sports season.

V.F. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

V.G. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: The K-5 teachers were given the opportunity to have further training on our newly purchased Pearson's Science curriculum. Our consultant for the day offered excellent teaching strategies.

V.H. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: In February and March we will be implementing after-school tutoring for our sixth grade through eighth graders. Students were selected by looking at their last year NeSA scores, current Terra Nova scores, and grades from their current classes. We will be concentrating on reading and math areas. The middle school will be conducting their NeSA testing from April first until April 28th.

V.I. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: Principal Pavlik complimented English teacher, Rebecca Thumann on her extra efforts to prepare the juniors for the NeSA assessments and to the entire staff for assisting in the Writing- Target Area Goal that is part of our AdvancED school improvement process. He added that it was a team effort. Counselor Johnson has made several opportunities available to seniors and parents for scholarship application and FAFSA (financial aid) assistance. On April 2nd and 3rd NeSA reading tests will be given and on April 15th and 16th NeSA math tests will be given.

V.J. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: The proposed 14-15 calendar will be submitted to the planning committee for action at the March meeting. Board committee meetings will begin planning soon for the upcoming year. A chart of statistics for the district was shared. They included: demographics, free and reduced lunch numbers, mobility rates, SPED and ELL identification of high ability learners, cohort graduation rates, and ACT numbers. He also shared expenditures from the State of the Schools Report with comparisons from 08-09 to 12-13. The district's general fund average cost per student is \$7400, \$1000 below comparison costs of ten schools above and below us.

V.K. Board Member and Committee Reports

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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