



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 10, 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. Board members present: Jedlicka, † Brabec, Vavricek, Semerad, Cerny, board member absent: Misek. Others present were Dr. Hoesing, Principals Pavlik, Reinsch, Grammer, Comley, and 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.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Jedlicka stated that this meeting agenda had been posted prior to the meeting and was open to the public.

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: Principal Pavlik awarded a graduation diploma to Laura Velez who recently completed her credit requirements at the 4-R Alternative Education Center. Representatives from Jovenes Para Cristo (Youth for Christ) affiliated with Divine Mercy Parish attended the meeting with questions about renting the gymnasium on June 7 for a dance. The activity will not end until 1:00 AM and school policy states that activity must vacate the building by 11:00 PM. The school board will discuss this matter to see if adjustments can be made.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Discussion: National Honor Society will be doing two more public service events before the end of the year. Student Council will sponsor a Dodgeball Tournament on St. Patrick's Day.

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Planning

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider and take action to approve moving the June School Board meeting to Monday, June 16, 2014.

IV.A.2. Discuss, consider and take action to approve the 2014-15 school calendar

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing met with the SEA and the building principals met with their staff to receive input on the 14-15 calendar. The planning committee thought suggestions were well thought-out and the process went very smoothly. One change included reducing Parent-Teacher Conferences to two per year plus one open house.

IV.A.3. Discuss, consider and take action to approve the 2014 strategic plan.

Discussion: With this approved action, the school board will take the results, prioritize, and create action plans.

IV.B. Public Relations

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider and take action to approve membership and pay dues to NASB for the 2014-15 school year.

IV.C. Personnel

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action to approve early retirement requests.

IV.C.1.1. Staff resignations and early retirement requests

Discussion: Advertisements will be placed for the vacated job openings beginning 3/11/14. Dr. Hoelsing stated that current staff may apply for any openings by making a transfer request to their building principal. It is his intent to put the most qualified and best candidate in each position. He asked for guidelines from the school board as to their hiring preferences.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Schuyler Foundation Report

Discussion: Five nominations were received for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Clint Parr resigned his position on the Foundation; Joyce Baumert was appointed to take his place.

V.B. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

V.C. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Discussion: Some Nebraska schools have experienced technical issues with the NeSA Writing Assessment but we did not have the issues other schools had.

V.D. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: The NFHS has released a document that defines "targeting" in football. The new rule (2-43) reads as follows: "Targeting is an act of taking aim and initiating contact to an opponent above the shoulders with the helmet, forearm, hand, fist, elbow or shoulders." The 2014-2105 football schedule is complete.

V.E. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

V.F. Schuyler Elementary School Report

Discussion: Kindergarten Round-Up has enrolled 125 students up to this point. Preschool enrollment for 14-15 will be held March 19 and 20 in conjunction with Head Start. Preschool enrollment is currently at 112.

V.G. Schuyler Middle School Report

Discussion: SCS and Cargill participated in a fundraiser for TeamMates; each participant was allowed to wear jeans and an optional red t-shirt as a thank you for making a donation. A total of 1081.35 was raised for the TeamMates organization.

V.H. Schuyler Central High School Report

Discussion: Mr. Pavlik and Mrs. Egr did some research on implementing a Random Drug Testing program at SCS. Mr. Pavlik was also contacted by Columbus Community Hospital with a proposal. This program is still in the information-gathering stage. If the school board members would like to see this progress, administration will help develop a policy. Also discussed was the possibility of adding a "zero period" before the school day begins which would allow flexibility and opportunity for students. Mr. Kovar informed the school board that the Alternative Education Center has had five graduates so far this year. He also has had inquiries from out-of-district parents regarding enrolling students.

V.H.1. High School Board Report

V.I. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing shared some facts from the Colfax County Economy Overview provided by the NDE. He also reminded everyone that all staff, committee, administration, and school board meetings and agendas are posted on the SCS webpage.

V.J. Board Member/Committee Reports

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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