



Schuyler Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 14, 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. Others present were Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Grammer, Reinsch, Comley, and Pavlik, Assistant Principal Kovar, Activity Administrator Egr, and Student Council Representative Kellan Heavican.

#### I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

**Discussion:** All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Jedlicka read the district mission statement.

#### I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

**Discussion:** Notice of the meeting was given in advance by notifying the public and a notice is posted in the hallway outside of 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)

##### III.C. Student Representative's Report

**Discussion:** Officer elections for activities are being held. The FFA Awards banquet was held on 4/13/14. Results from FFA State Competition were read.

#### IV. Action Items

##### IV.A. Budget

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the Sixpence Early Childhood Contract with CNCS for the 2014-15 School Year.

IV.A.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the Early Childhood Education Program Agreement with CNCS for the 2014-15 school year.

#### IV.B. Building and Grounds

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve a contract with JEO Consulting to design a plan to improve traffic flow and safety at the elementary building.

IV.B.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve changing the old alternative education center into a rental for school employees.

**Discussion:** The question was raised as to why the district would supply appliances in the rental house. The building and grounds committee will check with the Colfax County Treasurer to see when this property will need to be moved back to a taxable status.

#### IV.C. Curriculum

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action to adopt the Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress as the National Assessment Instrument for the district

**Discussion:** This testing method can be offered several times per year with no extra cost and can be used from 1st thru 12th grades. It is thought this method gives a more accurate measure of a student's knowledge by counting questions that were missed.

#### IV.D. Negotiations

**Discussion:** Negotiations committee met on April 16, 2104 to consider support staff salaries.

IV.D.1. Discuss, Consider, and take action to set the date for the negotiations committee to consider 2014-15 support staff salaries.

#### IV.E. Planning

IV.E.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve setting a date to host a meeting at the North Ward Building to discuss the strategic plan and possible future plans for the school building.

**Discussion:** Date set for this meeting is Monday, April 28, 2014. This meeting is open to the public.

#### IV.F. Personnel

IV.F.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve professional staff tenure recommendation.

IV.F.1.1. Motion to approve 2014-2015 teacher contracts as presented

IV.F.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to accept staff resignations.

**Discussion:** Staff resignations accepted from: Ashley Hann, Nicole Sempek, Judie Scott, Will Dawes, Rachel Hasenkamp, Patricia Philbreck, Clete Vrbka, and Jennier Schiemann.

IV.F.3. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve new hire administrative recommendations

**Discussion:** Approved the hiring of the following new staff: Drey Keairness, Emily Kmiecik, Channa Hess, Jennifer Ramsey, Ingrid Rodriguez, Tessa Jacobsen, Brandte Hayes, Mickaila Gansebom, and Brisa Sanchez.

#### V. Discussion Items and Reports

##### V.A. Strategic Planning

**Discussion:** The transportation system and vehicle replacement plan is being put into place. This

will allow all maintenance records to be recorded in an online program and will also include a picture of the vehicle, mileage, and individual specifications.

#### V.B. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

**Discussion:** Operating Council members at Richland School include Kelly Kort and Tiffany Cone. One additional member is needed. Operating Council member at Fishers #24 are Christine Dvorak, Stephanie Jedlicka, and Corrie Vavricek. Jason Ratzloff will replace Jedlicka.

#### V.C. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

**Discussion:** Two new banners were displayed: one depicting that SCS District was accredited by AdvanED in 2013 and the second depicting that Schuyler Central High School has been an accredited institution for 100 years. Being affiliated with AdvanED keeps the SIP (School Improvement Plan) at the forefront of planning and our Strategic Plan goes hand-in-hand with the AdvanED process.

#### V.D. Activities Administrator Report

**Discussion:** Alegent-Creighton Health will offer free activity physicals at SCHS on May 7th and 13th for current 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders.

#### V.E. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

**Discussion:** The insurance adjustor was present on 4/14/14 to assess the damage on the 1990 school bus that caught fire in the parking lot.

#### V.F. Schuyler Elementary School Report

**Discussion:** The hiring process for new staff is going well with a tremendous response from potential applicants for open positions.

#### V.G. Schuyler Middle School Report

**Discussion:** The hiring process was begin earlier this year than in past years and is going very well. There are 120 middle school students out for track.

#### V.H. Schuyler Central High School Report

**Discussion:** Jack and the Beanstalk, the SCHS school musical was performed April 6th and 7th. Pinnacle Bank High School Leaders Award winners were honored at a luncheon at Midland University. The five honorees from SCHS were among fifty recipients. Mr. Pavlik reported that the administration for grades 7-12 would like to move forward with the Random Drug Testing program. A request was made to have Amy Blaser, Vice President of Physician Relations / Business Development for the Columbus Community Hospital visit the May board meeting.

#### V.I. Superintendent's Report

**Discussion:** State Aid for 2014-2015 has been increased by \$668,828.24 for a total of \$5,819,615.15. After being notified by the State Board of Education, SCS was awarded a 21st Century Grant (After School Grant.) This is a five-year 1.1 million dollar grant which can be rewritten after five years for a five-year continuation. SCS was also approved for a School Improvement Grant (SIG) for the 2014-2015 school year.

#### V.J. Board Member Reports

**Discussion:** The SCS Foundation award program for Distinguished Alumni is near completion; honorees will be names at the commencement ceremony and be honored at a dinner at a date to be determined.

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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