



Schuyler Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 12, 2014 5:30 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 at the meeting were Superintendent Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Pavlik, Comley, Grammer, and Vrba, 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 declared the open meeting notice 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

##### 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. Budget

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the technology purchases for the 2014-15 school year.

IV.A.2. Discuss, consider and take action on the district property and casualty insurance (including the worker's compensation) provided by EMC represented by the Schuyler Agri-City Insurance.

**Discussion:** Adjustments were made to reduce the insurance premium such as changing coverage on older vehicles to liability insurance only. There was discussion held on lowering the deductible for hail damage claims.

#### IV.B. Building and Grounds

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve 2014 building and grounds plan.

#### IV.C. Transportation

**Discussion:** A ten-year plan was presented by Ron Mundil for upgrades and improvements to SCS property. The plan included pictures of areas scheduled for improvements and costs.

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the transportation plan including the 2014 and 2015 vehicle replacement schedule.

**Discussion:** A schedule was shared containing information on all vehicles owned by SCS detailing the age of the vehicle, mileage, cost of replacement, and a projected year of replacement to 2027.

#### IV.D. Curriculum

IV.D.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the 2014 textbook update proposal

**Discussion:** A cycle has been established for replacement of textbooks and consumables in order to better plan for upcoming expenses. Requisitions were due on 5/12/14 from teachers for 2014-2015 classroom requests.

#### IV.E. Negotiations

IV.E.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the negotiation committee's recommendation on support staff contracts for the 2014-15 school year.

**Discussion:** Support staff wages were increased by 65 cents per hour and substitute teacher pay was increased by \$5 to \$125 per day. Substitute teacher pay had not been adjusted for three years.

IV.E.2. Discuss, consider and take action to set wages for support staff working in summer school and summer food service programs.

**Discussion:** Wages for summer employees were set as the following: Teachers - \$18 per hour; Para Educators - \$13 per hour; SPED Educators - \$20 per hour; Food Service - \$11.50 per hour; and part time summer workers who are not already a SCS employee - \$8 per hour.

#### IV.F. Public Relations

IV.F.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve patron request to support community housing position.

**Discussion:** The school board took no action on this item. The consensus was that SCS already offers a bonus to new teachers or administrators who choose to move into the school district. In addition, renovation is taking place on a house SCS owns that will be rented to a SCS employee.

#### IV.G. Personnel

IV.G.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to accept staff resignations.

**Discussion:** Resignations were accepted from Linda Knapp - Elementary Para-Educator, who is retiring; Rosita Krauel - First Grade Teacher; and Lindsey Hofpar - Elementary PE Teacher.

IV.G.2. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve new hire administrative recommendations

**Discussion:** The board approved the new 14-15 employees: HS SPED: Jill Sorsen HS ELL: Clarissa Eloge HS Business: Robbi McKenney HS Social Studies: Seth Paesl HS Science: Elizabeth Hellbusch HS Math: Trever Reeh Alt. Ed SPED: Tim Henry First Grade: Amanda Moseman First Grade: Emily Pishny Fifth Grade: Eryn Mertins Elem SPED: Caitlin Fett Elem SPED: Michelle Fry Elem PE: Molly Kroupa Early Childhood SPED: Lindsay Ferguson

IV.G.3. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve teaching assignments for the 2014-15 school year.

IV.G.4. Discuss, consider, and take action to open the middle school principal position as required by the School Improvement Grant (SIG)

## V. Discussion Items and Reports

### V.A. Foundation Report

**Discussion:** A decision was made to increase the number of scholarships awarded to distinguished scholars from five to six. The Gold Mine Restaurant will host a Distinguished Alumni dinner on May 18.

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

**Discussion:** Expected enrollment for the 14-15 year for Richland School is 39 students and for Fishers #24 is 71 students.

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

**Discussion:** Standards/Assessment/Accountability – The window for completing state tests closed on Friday, May 9th and we are anticipating a 100% participation rate.

### V.D. Activities Administrator Report

**Discussion:** Alegent-Creighton Health offered free sports physicals at SCHS to 8th, 10th, and 11th graders on May 7th and to 7th and 9th graders on May 13th.

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

### V.F. Schuyler Elementary School Report

### V.G. Schuyler Middle School Report

**Discussion:** 8th grade visitation at SCHS was held on May 7th.

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

**Discussion:** Senior graduation is planned for Sunday, May 18th. Due to our boys' soccer team being scheduled to play in the State Tournament on Friday, May 16 at 9:00 AM, Thursday, May 15 will be our last day with high school students.

### V.I. Superintendent's Report

**Discussion:** Schuyler Community Schools has been selected as the Tier One Third Place winner for 2012-2013 Nebraska School Breakfast Challenge. In addition to receiving recognition at the School Nutrition Conference in June, the school will be mailed a check in the amount of \$1,300.

## VI. Correspondence Items

**Discussion:** Correspondence was received from Teresa Mentzer, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board