



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 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. Board members present were: Vavricek, Jedlicka, Brabec, Semerad, and Cerny. Misek was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Burton and Reinsch; Assistant Principal Kovar; Curriculum Director Gibbons, Activity Administrator Egr, and Student Council Representative Rosbin Ravanales.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. President read the District Mission Statement.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Jedlicka state that this meeting and agenda has been preceded by advance notice in public places and is hereby declared to be in open session.

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: Rosbin Ravanales attended his first school board meeting as the Student Council representative.

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Budget

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider and approve acceptance of the 2013-14 AFR and District Audit Reports.

Discussion: The budget committee felt comfortable with the results of the 13-14 ADR and District Audit. The auditors commended Business Manager Marlene Hartman for excellence in her job performance. The auditors made suggestions for two improvements for the upcoming year.

IV.B. Planning

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve request from the Young Adults for Christ (Divine Mercy) to rent facilities for a 3-day retreat.

Discussion: This group, Young Adults for Christ affiliated with Divine Mercy Parish, rented the SCHS facilities in 13-14 for the same type of three-day event. Dr. Hoelsing reported that there were no problems or concerns at the completion of that event.

IV.C. Personnel

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve staff resignation.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Adequate Yearly Progress Report and Letter to Parents

Discussion: All Nebraska schools needed to have 100% proficiency on state assessments in the spring of 2014. Schools that have not met that level of proficiency for two consecutive years are placed in "Needs Improvement" status. Mr. Gibbons stated that out of approximately 1000 schools in the state, 480 resulted in the "Needs Improvement" category and of those 480, 265 will have sanctions placed on them by the NDE. The plan is to send a letter explaining the status of SES and SMS to all parents of elementary students within the next four to six weeks. He also explained that if any elementary student wishes to transfer to another school within the district and the parent is unable to furnish the transportation, then the student will be transported by district-furnished transportation.

V.B. Review the DHHS Sanitary Surveys conducted at District #1, #24, and #4R.

Discussion: On October 16, 2014 a survey of the Colfax County School Districts (#1, #24, and #4R) were conducted to determine the system's compliance with Title 179 NAC Regulations Governing Public Water Supply Systems. No deficiencies were found.

V.C. Review early retirement policy and list of eligible employees.

Discussion: Eight certified employees in the SCS District qualify for the Early Retirement Incentive Policy. They will be notified by November 15. Beginning January 1, 2015, the school board can accept the first four applicants for the program. Dr. Hoelsing told the school board that next year the policy can be renewed, changed, or dropped.

V.D. Principals' Reports

Discussion: All attendance centers were pleased with the percentage of parents who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 23. SMS Principal Burton complimented the Schuyler Sun for highlighting the new educational programs being implemented this year. New behavior plans are being discussed at SMS and SCHS and will be transitioned in as soon as the second semester. A Veterans Day Program, planned by the Social Studies Department, will be held at SCHS on November 11.

V.E. Directors' Reports

Discussion: The After-School Program funded by the 21st Century Grant is reaching out to local small businesses to try and incorporate more students into the program. The grant administrator reported that there is a waiting list for students wishing to participate. The program is seeking more volunteers to staff the program. State of the Schools Report has been released. The public can view it on the Nebraska Department of Education website at <http://www.education.ne.gov/>. November 10th & 11th Discovery Ed trainer, Judy Martin, will work with staff in the area of Centers Based Learning. The week of November 17th through the 21st, SMS will be administering the second quarter benchmark assessments from Discovery Education; administration and staff will be able to compare scores with the first quarter and also with the first quarter MAPS assessments scores. Random Drug Testing took place for November. Columbus Community Hospital has a professional staff and the process has run without incident.

V.F. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: The preschool staff is hosting an open house on Friday, November 14. The public is invited. School Board member Brabec and Vavricek were re-elected to serve on the school board, along with write-in candidate Holly Hild.

V.G. Board Member/Committee Report

Discussion: The SCS Foundation received \$5000 from Pepsi to be distributed in student scholarships. The Distinguished Alumni plaques have been mounted in the SCHS entry hall. The first quarter Outstanding Educator, Jill Domina and Para Educator, Marvine Koliha, were announced. The Foundation will work to align their goals more closely with the district's goals and try to set more short-term achievable goals.

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board