



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 8, 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 conducted the meeting in President Jedlicka's absence. Other board members present were Cerny, Vavricek, Misek, and Semerad. Other administrators present were Principals Comley, Reinsch, Pavlik and Burton, Superintendent Hoelsing, Activity Administrator Egr, Curriculum Director Gibbons, and Director of Grants Grammer. Others attending were Student Council representative Rosbin Ravanales, 2015 Board Member elect Holly Hild, and County Attorney Denise Kracl.

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 the meeting had been preceded by advance notice according to State Law 84-1411. The Open Meetings Law is posted outside the SCHS Library/Media Center Annex.

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.

Discussion: Jose Luna and Kim Parsons were present to discuss the district intra-city bus transportation. They shared concerns about students getting on the wrong bus. The school board thanked them for bringing their concerns to the meeting.

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. Negotiations

IV.A.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve SEA request to be recognized as the sole bargaining unit for non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2016-17 contract year.

IV.B. Public Relations

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve Interlocal Agreement with Colfax County for a Truancy Officer to assist the School.

Discussion: County Attorney Denise Kracl addressed the school board regarding the Interlocal agreement for the part-time Colfax County truancy officer. The Colfax County Commissioners have already approved this position. The position is paid for from a Nebraska state grant. The officer will be housed in the Colfax County Attorney's office.

IV.C. Personnel

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider, and approve administrative hiring recommendations on support staff replacements.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Discuss results of staff strategic planning workshop.

Discussion: Upcoming Strategic Planning workshops are as follows: Elementary: Tuesday, December 9th at 8:15 AM and 6:00 PM; High School: Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 PM; and Middle School: Monday, December 15th at 5:30 PM. Two more workshops are planned in January, 2015 at the Schuyler Senior Center and at Cargill.

V.B. Discuss preschool 2nd floor fire escape plans presented by Hewgley and Associates.

Discussion: Architects Hewgley and Assoc. have submitted preliminary plans for a 2nd-story fire escape at the SCS Preschool to the State Fire Marshall for approval. Final plans will be presented at the January board meeting for board consideration. The Building and Grounds Committee will meet in January to discuss the plans.

V.C. Discuss timeline for 2015-16 Contracts.

Discussion: The 15-16 contract for the Superintendent will be put into place at the January board meeting after the personnel committee makes a recommendation to the entire school board.

V.D. Principals' Reports

Discussion: NET (Nebraska Educational Television) is featuring a segment from the event held at SES. The public may view it at

<http://netnebraska.org/media/media.php?bin=NET&vidgroup=40170255>. 30 students from SES attended the Science Olympiad sponsored by the ESU. SMS raised \$310 for the local food pantry at their school dance. SCHS has reported the first graduate of 2015 from the Alternative Education site. Principals Kovar and Pavlik attended a three-day APL training in West Point, NE. A one-day workshop will be offered to the staff in February to share the information.

V.E. Directors' Reports

Discussion: The 21 Century Grant After-School Program has 155 students registered at SES and 45 registered at SMS. Additional volunteer adult supervision is always welcome so more students may participate. Schools will begin administering winter MAP assessments the third week in December. The NeSA Writing Assessments for 4th, 8th, and 11th graders will be given

at the end of January with the ELDA Assessment for all Limited English Proficient students starting in February. The NeSA Reading, Math and Science tests will start at the end of March. The 2014-15 Persistently Lowest Achieving Schools (PLAS) list was recently released. The list can be found with the State of the Schools Report on the Nebraska Department of Education website.

V.F. Superintendent's Report

V.G. Board Member/Committee Reports

Discussion: The SCS Foundation will have an attorney review their by-laws. They are looking forward to the Strategic Planning results to help them focus on the direction the foundation will take in the future. They would also like to see the formation of an Alumni Association.

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board