



Schuyler Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 2015 6:30 PM  
Schuyler Central High School Music Room  
401 Adam Street  
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

#### I. Call Meeting to Order

**Discussion:** Meeting was called to order by President Brabec. Board members present were Semerad, Hild, Vavricek, Brabec, and Cerny; Misek was absent. Others present were Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Comley, Burton, Vrba, Pavlik, and Reinsch; Assistant Principal Kovar; and Directors Egr, Grammer, and Gibbons; and Student Council representative Ravanales.

#### I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

**Discussion:** All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Discussion:** President Brabec read the District Mission Statement and declared the meeting was in open session and had been advertised in advance. The open meetings act is posted outside the meeting room.

#### 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:** Representing the ESU7 were Administrator, Larianne Polk, Migrant Director, Dee Condon; and District 9 Board of Director Joyce Baumert. Ms. Polk made a video presentation and highlighted shared services offered and a program directory.

##### 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. Americanism: Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Programs

IV.A.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the contract with GI Physical Therapy for occupational therapy services for the 2015-16 school year.

**Discussion:** Dr. Hoising shared that fees for service and mileage are state approved in advance of services.

IV.A.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2015 textbook replacement and curriculum updates.

**Discussion:** The Americanism committee met and reviewed the 2015 textbook replacement cycle and curriculum updates. Our goal is to keep the budget for replacement materials at \$200,000 annually.

IV.B. Board Policy, Handbooks, and Support Programs

IV.C. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

IV.C.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2015 transportation replacement plan.

**Discussion:** Two small vehicles will be added in addition to one full-sized bus and one van used for student transportation will be moved to the maintenance department.

IV.C.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2015 building and grounds plan for updating and remodeling current district facilities.

**Discussion:** A structural stamp is needed for the fire escape plan at the Preschool; construction will proceed if the bid is under \$35,000. A bid has been received for one of the portable classrooms and a second bid has been received for all four remaining classrooms. In addition, the 2015 upgrade/remodeling plan includes work to be done at SCS Preschool, SMS, SCHS, and a garage owned by the district.

IV.C.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the preschool playground project.

**Discussion:** A bid was received from Crouch Recreation for playground equipment for the SCS Preschool at a cost of \$58,949. A Sixpence grant that must be used by June of 2015 will be put toward the cost. In addition the PTO has pledged financial support. Installation will be an additional cost of \$15,950.

IV.C.4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the MOU with Schuyler Lumber for the 2015-16 school year.

**Discussion:** Prior to our contract with Schuyler Lumber, the school contracted with Neighbor Works on this project. Schuyler Development Company, is also cooperating with this project to propose possible funding; this funding would be in support of the subcontractors also working on this project.

IV.D. Governance: Public Relations, Technology, and Planning

IV.D.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the district network upgrade.

**Discussion:** The RFP proposals request new WiFi network hardware and additional cabling for the additional WiFi access points to be installed in each classroom across the district. Announcement of 471 funding (erate) decisions will be September 1, 2015

IV.D.2. Consider, discuss, and approve the 2015 technology replacement plan.

**Discussion:** The technology replacement plan includes 210 total iPads, tech contracted services, equipment/hardware, supplies training and software. Copy machines will also be included in the technology budget.

IV.D.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2015-16 school calendar  
**Discussion:** The first day of the 15-16 school year will be Wednesday, August 12.

IV.E. Budget, finance, negotiations, and personnel

IV.E.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve teacher early retirement requests.

**Discussion:** Four teachers qualified for ERIP (Early Retirement Incentive Program) - Peg Aldrich, Elementary teacher; Jon Knutson, High School Social Studies Teacher; Sheri Melick, Elementary teacher and Tom Wheeldon, Agricultural Education Instructor (FFA.) In addition two teachers qualified at a reduced compensation rate - Jo Lynne Krumel and Roxanne Pontow, both from SMS.

IV.E.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve staff resignations.

**Discussion:** Staff resignations were received from Nancy Kneen, High School Guidance Counselor, effective and the end of the year and Charles James, High School Math Instructor effective April 10th.

IV.E.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve support staff replacement hires.

**Discussion:** Ramona Rodriguez was hired for part-time maintenance at the Richland School and Paloma Lopez was hired as a SES Para Educator.

IV.E.4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve new hire recommendations for the 2015-16 school year.

**Discussion:** Dana Garrison was hired for the Ag Ed/FFA position for the 2015-16 school year.

IV.E.5. Consider, discuss, and take action on administrative reassignments for the 2015-16 school year.

**Discussion:** The following administrative assignments were approved for the 2015-2016 school year: Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Hoelsing; Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Federal Programs, Dave Gibbons; Special Education Director, Darli Jo Vrba High School Principal, Stephen Grammer; High School Assistant Principal/AD, Michelle Egr; Middle School Principal, Michelle Burton; Middle School Assistant Principal/Rural School Principal, Gerry Reinsch; Preschool/Elementary School Principal, Bill Comley and Elementary School Assistant Principal/K-8 AD, Darin Kovar.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Principals Reports

**Discussion:** SES official enrollment as of March 2nd is 860 students with an anticipated 15-16 enrollment for SCS Preschool of 120 students. NET Television plans to return in the fall of 2015-2016 to promote family participation in the education process. A local private funder has committed \$30,000 per year for three years to fund parent engagement in the following areas: Focus groups for parents to determine what needs of the parents are as they begin to engage in the school and their children's education Formation of a nucleus group of parents to increase parental involvement to decrease isolation Form a PTO/PTA Help with school/city organization of children activities. Three SMS staff, Mrs. Dimas, Mrs. Kment, and Mrs. Lopez will be honored by Center for Survivors and Mr. Schultz, a teacher/coach will be honored at the Nebraska State Boys Basketball Tournament. At SCHS enrollment as of 3/5/15 is 485 students. Matt Eller will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award sponsored by Prudential.

#### V.B. Directors Reports

**Discussion:** Our Accreditation Progress report from AdvancEd was accepted. Curriculum review continues in K-5 Social Studies, 6-8 Language Arts, K-8 Physical Education, 9-12 Language Arts and K-12 ESL. At the end of March we have 191 students at SES and 50 students at SMS for a total of 241 participating in the After School program. On Friday, February 27th, Discovery Education administrators and trainers came to SMS to have a Midyear Partnership review. As a new component of summer school, coaches will work with K-8 students.

#### V.C. Superintendent's Report

**Discussion:** Staffing recommendations for the 2015-16 school year are in progress; the deadline for continuing contract law for certificated staff is April 15th.

#### V.D. Board Member/Committee Reports

**Discussion:** A support staff member will be added to quarterly Outstanding Educator and Para Educator awards.

#### VI. Correspondence Items

#### VII. Adjournment

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