



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2015 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: Meeting called to order by President Brabec. All board members were present. Others present include Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Pavlik, Vrba, Comley, Burton, and Reinsch, Assistant Principal Kovar, Activity Administrator Egr, and Program Directors Grammer and Gibbons.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. Notice of this meeting was given in advance according to State Law 84-1411, by giving notice of the meeting to the public and to all members of the Board of Education. President Brabec declared the meeting to be an open session.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

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: Elizabeth Lickei was present representing the Schuyler Education Association.

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. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

IV.A.1. Consider, discuss, and approve purchase of a 2014 van from Reinecke Motors Co.

Discussion: This is a used van that will be modified to comply with NDE regulations. A plan is

being formulated to record the mileage per year each vehicle in the fleet is driven and how many vehicles are used on a daily basis.

IV.A.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the purchase of a 44 passenger bus.

Discussion: The purchase of this bus will help relieve the demand for transportation when simultaneous inter-school transport and activity transport are needed.

IV.A.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to accept the bid from Nu-Trend Homes Inc. for the sale of the portable buildings at the preschool site.

Discussion: Advertising began last year to sell the modular classrooms. After selling one classroom, ads ceased until this year. Some offers were received but none with a firm bid. The decision was made by the Building & Grounds Committee to sell all four modular buildings to one entity. The area where the modular classrooms stood is scheduled for a landscape upgrade next year.

IV.A.4. Consider, discuss, and take action to accept the bid for the preschool fire escape project.

Discussion: Initial bids were over budget. The new plan exits on the west side of the building. This covered stairway will be located in the middle of the building, requiring removal of one of the windows on the southwest classrooms. The second floor will be a doorway, and the 1st floor will need to have the window filled in to provide a fire break.

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

IV.B.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve staff resignations.

Discussion: Staff Resignations were received from the following: Brianna Birkel, Elementary Teacher, Elizabeth James, Elementary Teacher, Danielle Vanderlinden, Elementary Teacher, Tessa Jacobsen, Elementary Music Teacher, Michelle Fry, Elementary SPED Teacher Michelle Oppiger, Middle School Teacher, and Amanda Moseman, Kindergarten Teacher.

IV.B.1.1. Resignations Due to Retirement

IV.B.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve new hire recommendations for the 2015-16 school year.

Discussion: At this time there are three vacant teaching positions with two of them pending the receipt of signed contracts. New teaching contracts were offered to: Jenna Saalfield, 5th Grade; Lauren Burkley, 4th Grade; Tonia Heard, 5th Grade; McKenzie Fricke, 2nd Grade; Melissa Smith, 1st Grade; Karen Tschida, SES Music; Bryan Irsik, SMS Physical Education; Lewis Evans, SCHS Social Studies; Katherine Bertrand, SCHS Guidance Counselor; Kelsey Piper, SCHS Science; Danielle Peckenpaugh, SES SPED or Kindergarten Teacher

IV.B.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve teacher contracts for the 2015-16 school year.

IV.B.4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Principals, Directors, and Coordinator Contracts for the 2015-16 school year.

Discussion: Superintendent Hoelsing commended the administration for agreeing to move existing staff to new positions within the district which saved \$150,000 on the 15-16 budget.

IV.B.5. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the Resolution to authorize the Colfax County Treasurer to withhold April tax receipts in the amount of \$276,112.79 and pay the total withholding to Cargill Meat Solutions Corp on or before May 15, 2015.

Discussion: SCS District owed tax dollars back to Cargill from a previous overtaxing. The final payment was scheduled to be paid in January of 2016 by the Colfax County Treasurer. Cargill has agreed to return the money to the District to be used toward the creation of a Community Recreation Center to be located at the SMS. The SCS Foundation will cooperate to secure an architect a feasibility study and design. It was stressed that the District needs to continue to build upon our good relationships with all local businesses.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Principals Reports

Discussion: SES Enrollment - Preschool, 93; Kindergarten - 171 1st Grade - 146 2nd Grade - 126 3rd Grade - 136 4th Grade - 150 5th Grade - 130 Total enrollment 952 Preschool round-up was held hosting approximately 80 parents. Rural Fishers #24 and Richland #1 - Students raised \$2200 for the Heart Association with Jump Rope for Heart. SMS - Current SMS Enrollment:366 6th Grade: 124 7th Grade: 126 8th Grade: 116 SCHS - Enrollment is 488 students - 9th grade - 132 10th grade - 130 11th grade - 101 12th grade – 125

V.B. Directors Reports

Discussion: On Wednesday, April 29th at 12:00 p.m., Discovery Education will be streaming live video internationally of a math class at SMS. Ms. Brown will be teaching her math class utilizing student iPads and the Math TechBook provided by Discovery Education. On Thursday, April 30th from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m., Discovery Education and Eagle Communications are sponsoring a “Schuyler Community Night” at SMS. At this event we will have three teachers presenting, with students, how we are using the iPads and utilizing the tech books in Science, Social Studies, and Math. Schuyler Elementary, Richland #1, and Fisher’s 24 will be working on the creation of a K-5 Language Arts program to better align instruction with the new standards.

V.C. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Dr. Hoelsing was selected as one of forty participants who attended a research project in CA. April 16 APL training will be held at SCHS. Topics to be covered are at-risk youth and a District safety plan.

V.D. Board Member/Committee Reports

Discussion: The SCS Foundation will recognize three Outstanding Alumni at the 2015 Commencement Ceremony. The Finance Committee is moving forward with the goals of the Strategic Planning sessions and working with the loss of State Aid dollars for upcoming school year.

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board