



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2015 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: President Brabec called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members present were Brabec, Misek, Cerny, Vavricek, and Hild; Semerad was absent. Others present were Dr. Hoelsing, Principals Burton, Vrba, and Comley; Directors Grammer and Gibbons, and Student Representatives Ravanales and Harding.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Brabec declared the meeting to be in open session and read the SCS Vision Statement.

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

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 2015-16 Sixpence Early Childhood Contract with CNCS.

IV.A.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2015-16 Early Childhood Education Program Agreement with CNCS.

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

IV.B.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the contract with Nesbitt and Associates for the 2015-16 school year.

Discussion: Nesbitt and Associates discussed their school safety plan with the Policy Committee and members of the Crisis Team. The plan would encompass each school in its entirety. It would also allow a substitute teacher to react to a crisis without delay. Training would occur in August. 50% of this plan would be covered by grant funds.

IV.C. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

IV.C.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve purchase of a 2009 pickup.

Discussion: The purchase of this pick-up was scheduled on the vehicle replacement schedule.

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

IV.D.1. Consider, discuss, and approve request from Chad and Chantell Denker to transfer land to the David City Public School District.

IV.D.2. Consider, discuss, 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: Our mod rate for Workman's Comp. has been lowered from 1.28 to .71. We will also implement the Return to Work and Safety Program for the 2015-16 school year to try to keep this rating.

IV.D.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve staff resignations.

IV.D.3.1. Classified Staff Resignations

IV.D.4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2014-15 teacher incentive plan.

Discussion: SCHS College or Dual Credit Incentives include: teaching a College Credit Course under the guidelines outlined by the Institution granting college or dual credit for the class and SMS School Improvement Grant (SIG) Incentives.

IV.D.5. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve 2015 summer school contracts.

Discussion: Summer classes at SMS will include STEM classes for grades 6-8 and a Fine Arts class for K-8. Classes will begin in June. Tuition is \$10 but parent can volunteer to defray the tuition expense.

IV.D.6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve 2015-16 extra-duty contracts.

IV.D.7. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve 2015-16 support staff contracts.

Discussion: The Finance Committee redefined the salary structure for support staff to remove variation and define parameters. Also the new schedule must comply with the Affordable Care Act.

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Discuss Schuyler Community Rec. Center Building Project

Discussion: Dick and Sandy Seckman were present to answer any questions about the proposed Schuyler Community Schools Recreation Center that would be built at SMS. Mrs. Seckman is a member of the SCS Foundation. The SCS Foundation has committed \$100,000 toward the project. A community recreation center was placed as a high priority on the Strategic Planning

results polled from community members. An additional informational meeting will be held for the public on Tuesday, May 26.

V.B. Principals Reports

Discussion: Principal Burton shared information about the "Schuyler Story" documentary that was filmed throughout the day and the evening of SMS Discovery Education night. Creighton Health will offer free activity physicals at SCHS on May 6th and 12 for 15-16 7th-12th graders.

V.C. Directors Reports

Discussion: Administrators attended a conference on AQuESTT, the new state accountability system. The acronym stands for "Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow." AQuESTT is built on six tenets split into two categories. We have also been chosen as an Early Adopter for the ADVISOR Program. ADVISOR stands for Advanced Data Views Improving Educational Response. This is a program created by the Nebraska Department of Education as a part of a grant to create a Statewide Longitudinal Data System. With this program, student data will be uploaded and housed in one location.

V.D. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Portable classrooms at the Preschool location will all be moved with completion scheduled for June. May 21 will be the last contract day for teaching staff. Handbooks for the 15-16 school year are being updated; changes will be presented to the school board in June.

V.E. Board Member/Committee Reports

Discussion: The SCS Foundation will be awarding six \$1000 scholarships to members of the class of 2015. Also three Distinguished Alumni will be honored at a dinner preceding commencement on May 17.

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board