



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2010 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

I. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion: The meeting was called to order by president Wennkamp at 6:37 PM. Members present were Wennkamp, Brabec, Misek, and Semerad; Parr arrived at 6:50 PM and Mejstrik was absent. Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Principal Baumert, Director of K-8 Education DeBlauw, Assistant Principal Cunningham, Principals' of the SES and SMS, Grammer, Comley and Vrba, Activity Administrator Egr, Director of Facilities, Ron Mundil and Principal of the S.C.S. rural attendance centers and Curriculum Administrator, David Gibbons.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Discussion: President Wennkamp declared the meeting was preceded by advance notice and declared to be an open session.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Discussion: A motion was made by Brabec and seconded by Semrad to approve the agenda, minutes, acceptance of claims, financial, and other listed reports. Superintendent Stevens brought the board's attention to two bills (that are paid quarterly) over the \$5000 limit. Motion carried.

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

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. NeighborWorks/Economic Development update

III.C. Other topics (limited to 5 minutes - subject to guidelines of the Board Participation Policy)

III.D. Student Representative's Report

IV. Board Requests/Reports

Discussion: Superintendent Stevens clarified a discussion item from the last meeting concerning the TERC appeal made by Cargill Meat Solutions. Stevens spoke with Jerry Heard, Colfax

County Commissioner, who related that Colfax County did not receive a settlement offer from Cargill Meat Solutions prior to the court of appeals process. Information on the proposed Preschool/Head Start/Early Head Start facility was distributed to the board members. Superintendent Stevens, Principal Comley and Director DeBlauw compiled preliminary information on using high-performance standards vs. Rule 11 standards, staff development, food service, transportation, budget and SPED. A formal appraisal on the land to be purchased by CNCS is expected shortly, at which time a meeting will be held to work on a purchase agreement between CNCS and SCS. The calendar committee continues to work out details for the SCS 2010-2011 calendar. Continuing discussion on the ERIP (Early Release Incentive Policy) brought up questions regarding those who might take advantage of the policy in the future. Activities Administrator Egr related facts concerning LB 1021. This legislation is intended to change the make-up, regulation, and governance of the Nebraska School Activities Association, holding it accountable to the Nebraska Legislature and the Nebraska Department of Education. The resolution the board will be asked to take action on is to support the NSAA.

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.B.1. Summary of County Commissioner comments on Cargill request

IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Preschool/Headstart/Early Headstart - partnering with CNCS update

IV.F.2. Calendar update

IV.F.3. Study session planning

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Early Retirement Incentive Policy - tabled during final reading

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

V. Action Items

V.A. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on LB 1021 Resolution

V.B. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on extending the superintendent's contract

V.C. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the ERIP policy

V.D. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on bills of \$5,000 or more

Discussion: Superintendent Stevens brought the board's attention to two bills that are paid quarterly over the \$5000 limit.

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VI.B. PreK-8 Director of Education Report

Discussion: Director DeBlauw reported that SMS and SCHS had a five-year review of the SCS State Lunch Program; with minor changes to the elementary serving process the review was excellent.

VI.B.1. Lunch Audit

VI.C. High School Principal Report

Discussion: Principal Baumert's report stated that the Block Scheduling Study committee met and formulated recommendations from input on collected surveys. Input from surveys will be shared with the planning committee in March.

VI.D. Grades 9-12 Assistant Principal's Report

VI.E. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment and Pk-8 Rural School Report

Discussion: Principal Gibbons shared results from the State of the Schools Report compiled by the Nebraska Department of Education. The graduation rate at SCHS improved from 80% in 07-08 to 90% in 08-09. (This report is always one year in arrears)

VI.F. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: AD Egr reported that SCHS would have eight wrestlers competing at the State level of competition on February 18 at the Omaha Qwest Center.

VI.F.1. LB 1021

VI.G. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

VI.G.1. Safety and Security update

VI.H. Grades k-3 Principal's Report

Discussion: . Principal Comley reported that the new portable lunch line is in place and it has improved the time spent going through the lunch line allowing students more time to eat. He expressed concerns about uneven heat in some SES classrooms.

VI.I. Grades k-3 Principal's Report

VI.I.1. Lunch line update

VI.J. Grades 4-8 Principal's Report

Discussion: Principal Grammer was pleased with the attendees at the TeamMates open house; pairings between students and mentors should begin soon.

VI.J.1. Teammates update

VI.K. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Superintendent Stevens shared his plan with the board concerning contract days certified staff would be required to make up due to cancellations of classes due to weather.

VI.K.1. Recognition of Lucar Video Production - Channel 99

VI.K.2. Option update

VI.K.3. Government Relations Network representative - appointment

VI.K.4. eMeeting training update

VI.K.5. Superintendent's contract

VI.K.6. Snow days instruction time make-up

VI.K.7. PTO summary

VI.K.8. Next regular board meeting - Monday - March 15th, 2010 - @ 6:30 p.m.

VII. Correspondence Items

Discussion: Correspondence was shared from Cathie Marking thanking SCS for condolences offered.

VII.A. Cathie Marking for the Family of Helen Skarda

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

Prepared by: Sally Jakub, Secretary to the Board