



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 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 Wennekamp at 6:42 PM. Members present were Wennekamp, Brabec, Mejsrik, Misek, Parr, Semerad and student representative Cesar Gonzalez. Others present were Superintendent Stevens, 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 Wennekamp declared the meeting was preceded by advance notice and declared to be an open session.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Discussion: Superintendent Stevens brought the board's attention to three bills 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

Discussion: Roger Nadrchal, representing NeighborWorks and Kem Cavanah, representing Schuyler Economic Development were in attendance. Mr. Nadrchal stated that NeighborWorks is a non-profit agency providing housing for families meeting income guidelines.

NeighborWorks and the Schuyler Economic Development work together to develop housing in Schuyler for families that might not be able to purchase a home using traditional financing. The SCHS construction class has partnered with NeighborWorks during the 2009-2010 school year;

the class providing the labor for a new construction. Plans are for the SCHS construction class to work on another new construction in 2010-2011.

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 has been in contact with the Colfax County Assessor regarding State Financial Aid for the 2010-2011 school year. They discussed preliminary valuation increases; though actual valuations will not be done until August 2010.

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.B.1. State Aid update

IV.B.2. Property Valuation - update

IV.C. Building and Grounds

Discussion: Discussion on the items CSI still needs to complete at SES included items completed and items still under warranty. The board would like SCS legal counsel to contact CSI for a clear definition of remaining warranties.

IV.C.1. SES update - CSI

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

Discussion: SEA representatives were present to address interpretation of wording contained in the Emergency Medical Leave Bank for certified staff. The negotiations committee will consider the matter.

IV.E.1. Presentation by SEA representatives

IV.F. Planning

Discussion: Principal Gibbons, representing the calendar committee stated that the 2010-2011 calendar is nearly complete with only two dates in November and April needing to be finalized.

IV.F.1. Calendar update

IV.F.2. Early Childhood Education - CNCS Partnering

Discussion: Extensive discussion took place regarding the partnering of SCS with CNCS (Central Nebraska Community Services) to construct a new facility for Preschool/Headstart/Early Headstart. The proposed location is property owned by SCS recently appraised at \$105,850. Superintendent Stevens explained the details of a potential lease agreement and potential purchase agreement between SCS and CNCS prepared by legal counsel. Preschool teachers made a point that there are many special-needs three-year-olds and other four-year-olds that cannot currently be served due to limited space in their facility.

IV.F.3. Study session agenda - March 23rd

Discussion: The planning committee will meet on March 23 to discuss curriculum, unity, and facilities.

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Kitchen use

Discussion: The policy committee will address the use of the kitchens at SCS by outside groups.

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

IV.I.1. Fundraiser - Anytime Fitness program

Discussion: “Anytime Fitness” has made an offer to SCS; during the month of March a donation of 50% of sign-up fees will be donated back to SCS to help purchase new lunchroom tables at SES.

V. Action Items

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

V.B. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on Middle School Industrial Technology position

V.C. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on Middle School Family and Consumer Science

V.D. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on Middle School Assistant Principal/Activities Administrator

V.E. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on purchase agreement to sell land to CNCS

V.F. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on lease agreement for the purpose of renting space from CNCS

V.G. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on expanding SCS early childhood partnership with CNCS

V.H. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on awarding the track resurfacing contract to Midwest Track and Tennis for \$47,215

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VI.B. PreK-8 Director of Education Report

VI.C. High School Principal Report

Discussion: Principal Baumert reported that three staff members would be recommended for tenure: Andrew Malcolm, Ryan Schroeder, and Michael Trausch. Eighth grade visitation was held on March 10 with presentations given on elective course offerings. Plans are to have summer school during June for credit recovery and Title I reading and math.

VI.C.1. Block Scheduling update

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

VI.D.1. Cell phone survey

Discussion: Assistant principal Cunningham shared results of a student survey on cell phone ownership to be used for a revision of the cell-phone policy.

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

VI.F. Activities Administrator Report

Discussion: Activity Administrator Egr reported that 127 students are out for spring sports. The SCHS musical, "Seussical" will be presented this weekend.

VI.G. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Discussion: Facilities Director Mundil reported that new shingles and siding for Fischers #24 would be replaced due to hail damage.

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

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

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

VI.K. Superintendent's Report

VI.K.1. Tenured staff

VI.K.2. Option update

Discussion: The deadline for students to transfer or option to or from the district is March 15, 2010.

VI.K.3. Retirement

Discussion: Superintendent Stevens reported that he received letters of resignation or retirement from Vicky Mefford, Jill Hansen, and Lynette Stevens.

VI.K.4. Water update - 4R and Fisher's 24

Discussion: Water treatment and testing continues at 504R and Fishers #24.

VII. Correspondence Items

Discussion: Correspondence was received from Carol Vogel expressing her appreciation for SCS sending her to the statewide reading conference.

VII.A. Carol Vogel - reading conference thank-you

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