



Schuyler Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 17, 2010 6:30 PM  
Schuyler Central High School Music Room  
401 Adam Street  
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:40 PM.

Larry Wennekamp: Absent  
Richard Brabec: Present  
Jim Mejstrik: Present  
Chuck Misek: Present  
Mr. Clint Parr: Present  
Virginia Semerad: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

I. Call Meeting to Order

**Schuyler Community Schools in partnership with parents, students, and the community will challenge and inspire students to be lifelong learners - District Mission Statement**

Notice of this meeting was given in advance according to State Law 84-1411, by giving notice of the meeting to the public. Notice of this meeting was also given in advance to all members of the Board of Education

The meeting was called to order by vice president Mejstrik at 6:40 PM. Members present were Mejstrik, Misek, Semerad, Brabec and Parr and student representative Cesar Gonzalez. 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. Teacher from SES, Pat Cuda, and SEA representative, Shirley Kroenke was also present.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

This meeting has been preceded by advance notice and is hereby declared to be in open session. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the hallway outside the Media Center. Vice-president Mejstrik stated the meeting was preceded by advance public notice and declared to be an open session.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the consent agenda

A motion was made by Brabec and seconded by Misek to approve the agenda, minutes, acceptance of claims, financial, and other listed reports.

#### II.A. Agenda

#### II.B. Minutes

#### II.C. Acceptance of Claims

Superintendent Stevens brought the board's attention to six bills over the \$5000 limit.

#### 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

The back-to-school dance is scheduled for August 10 and homecoming is planned for September 3.

IV. Board Requests/Reports

#### IV.A. Americanism

#### IV.B. Budget

##### IV.B.1. Liability Insurance

The budget committee received two bids on liability insurance for the district from Folda & Co./EMC Insurance and ALICAP. The committee recommends that coverage be reviewed annually.

##### IV.B.2. Bus repair/buy discussion

. Repair and replacement of buses and vans was discussed. The replacement of buses and vans is on a rotating basis with the scheduled purchase of two new vans prior to 2011.

##### IV.B.3. Lunch Prices

A request from the food service manager to increase the prices for prekindergarten thru 8th grade meals and adult lunches was discussed.

##### IV.B.3.1. PK-8 Breakfast and Lunch

##### IV.B.3.2. Adult Lunch

##### IV.B.4. NIFDI Grant

NIFDI is submitting a federal grant application; included will be a request for \$75,000 to cover the cost of a literacy coach for SCS for five years.

##### IV.B.5. ESU 7 - 7 Center Construction

A formal request from ESU-7 for our financial support for the construction of a new ESU-7 7 Center was received. Funds from IDEA and Special Education would be used. This center serves SPED students throughout the ESU-7 area.

#### IV.C. Building and Grounds

##### IV.C.1. Rubber Mulch Grant

Facilities director Mundil applied for and received a \$28,000 grant from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive fund for partial reimbursement of rubber mulch made from recycled scrap tires to be used on SCS grade school playgrounds.

#### IV.D. Curriculum

##### IV.D.1. Automotive and Logistics Class - Lease Agreement

The curriculum committee received information from El Pueblo Tires regarding leasing their building for the proposed automotive class for 2010-2011.

##### IV.D.2. 1:1 - WON to WON

A request from the instructional tech committee to meet with the school board was made to discuss the "One to One" initiative.

#### IV.E. Negotiations

#### IV.F. Planning

##### IV.F.1. Overcrowding

Overcrowded classrooms at SES prompted discussion on possible solutions included moving transitional kindergarten to an alternate site, relocating modular classrooms, and preparing SCHS for increased student class sizes. Presently there are 120 students registered for kindergarten for 2011-2011.

###### IV.F.1.1. Transition Kindergarten Letter

###### IV.F.1.2. K-4 bond election thoughts and timelines

###### IV.F.1.3. Modularity

###### IV.F.1.4. Rural Schools

###### IV.F.1.5. County School

##### IV.F.2. High School Entryway Addition/Renovation

A contract was received from Hewgley & Associates regarding the addition and renovation of the east entrance at SCHS.

#### IV.G. Policy

##### IV.G.1. Proof of residency registration form

Legal counsel approved a proof of residency form; this form will be completed by parents/guardians of kindergarteners, 4th graders and 9th graders and presented with three pieces of proof to school personnel.

##### IV.G.2. Seclusion and Restraint

##### IV.G.3. Dating violence

##### IV.G.4. Handbooks - need to set a meeting date

The policy committee will meet with SCS administrators to examine proposed changes to the student handbooks.

IV.G.5. Field Trip - Travel Distance

IV.G.6. Physicals and Eye Exams

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

V. Action Items

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

Motion to approve all bills (list attached) that are \$5,000 or more with the exception of regular monthly bills. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.B. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on a restraint and seizure policy

Motion to approve the students restraint and seclusion policy - second reading Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Chuck Misek.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.C. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on Proof of Residency - Pollicy # 502.01

Motion to approve Proof of Residency Policy # 502.01 - first reading Passed with a motion by Chuck Misek and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.D. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on a Rubber Mulch Grant

Motion to enter into a matching grant with Keep Schuyler Beautiful for the purpose of purchasing rubber mulch for playground safety. Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Chuck Misek.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.E. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on Liability Insurance

Motion to accept the liability insurance proposal from Folda and Company. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.F. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the high school entry way contract

Motion to table entering into a contract with Hewgley and Associates for the purpose of building an entryway renovation/addition at Schuyler Central High School. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.G. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on breakfast and lunch prices

Motion to make the following changes in the school lunch prices: -PK-8 breakfast from \$1.20 to \$1.25 -PK-8 lunch from \$1.90 to \$2.00 -Adult lunch from \$2.85 to \$3.00 Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Chuck Misek.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.H. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on ESU 7 Special Education Construction

Motion to pass the ESU 7 - 7 Center Construction Resolution (attached). Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Chuck Misek.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.I. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on hiring a high school Social Studies Teacher

Motion to hire Matt Turner as a high school Social Studies teacher for 2010-2011 school year. Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Richard Brabec.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.J. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on a Dating Violence Policy

Motion to approve the Dating Violence Policy - first reading Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.K. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on an ERIP request

Motion to accept the early retirement incentive application of Jim DeBlauw Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Richard Brabec: Nay, Chuck Misek: Nay, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 2

V.L. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on hiring a SMS 4th grade Teacher

Motion to hire Andra Dexter - teacher at SMS - for the 2010-11 school year. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.  
Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## VI. Administrative and Other Reports

### VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

### VI.B. PreK-8 Director of Education Report

Director of K-8 Education DeBlauw reported that the TeamMates program has been very successful with eleven matches made in the fourth and fifth grades; sixth grade will be added in 2010-2011. He remarked that more male mentors would be appreciated.

### VI.C. High School Principal Report

Principal Baumert has involved parents through committee meetings to improve protocol at graduation. Summer schools will be taking place at SCHS throughout the month of June.

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

Assistant principal Cunningham reported that STUCO would be hosting two fundraisers this summer selling hamburgers, chips, and a drink at the Oak Ballroom during "Cruise Nights.

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

### VI.F. Activities Administrator Report

Activity Administrator Egr explained that the maximum distance for a field trip is currently seventy-five miles; but the policy committee will reexamine this. Positions currently open at SCHS are head boys' and girls' soccer coaches, freshman boys' basketball coach, and assistant FFA supervisor.

### VI.G. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

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

Principal Comley shared that Black Hills Energy and the Schuyler FFA purchased and planted trees at the SES site.

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

Principal Vrba praised her staff at SES for their dedication to students and related the many positive comments received about the SES facility.

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

Principal Grammer reported that SMS held their track meet with thirteen students qualifying for the state track meet for middle school students.

### VI.K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stevens has received nine resignations from SCS and four district students have optioned out of the district.

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

VI.K.2. Personnel

VI.K.2.1. Resignations

VI.K.2.2. New Hire

VI.K.3. Option/Transfer Update

VI.K.4. Graduation

VII. Correspondence Items

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Parr and seconded by Semerad to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Motion carried.