



Schuyler Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 19, 2010 6:30 PM  
Schuyler Central High School Music Room  
401 Adam Street  
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:45 PM.

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

Present: 6.

#### I. Hearing for Student Fees

President Wennekamp declared this hearing open at 6:35 PM. This hearing is required by law. Present were board members Mejstrik, Wennekamp, Misek, Semerad, Parr, and Brabec. Also present was assistant principal David Cunningham and community members Lumir Jedlicka and Kem Cavanah. The purpose of this hearing was to examine and explain the changes in student funds for the 2010-2011 school year. The major change in student funds took place in the amount charged for students' breakfast and lunch. A motion was made to close the hearing by Misek and seconded by Semerad. The hearing closed at 6:39 PM.

#### II. 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 President Wennekamp at 6:40 PM. Members present were Mejstrik, Misek, Brabec, Wennekamp, Semerad, and Parr. Others present were Superintendent Stevens and rural Principal Dave Gibbons. Community members present were Kem Cavanah and Lumir Jedlicka.

#### II.A. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II.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.

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

### III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the consent agenda

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

III.A. Agenda

III.B. Minutes

III.C. Acceptance of Claims

III.D. Financial

III.E. Other Listed Reports

IV. Public Forum - We ask that all presentation be limited in their length.

IV.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

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

IV.B.1. Economic Development Presentation

Kem Cavanah, representing Schuyler Economic Development, was present. He thanked the board of education for their continuing time and service to Schuyler Community Schools and commended those employed by the City of Schuyler for their efforts during the recent flooding and windstorms. The partnership between SCS and NeighborWorks will begin its third year with the SCHS construction class who will be constructing a residence at 19th and B Streets. The SCHSpace website currently registers 611 members. Eighteen SCHS yearbooks are online with plans to add ten more each year.

IV.B.2. Math Envision Pilot Results

Principal Gibbons presented information on the Math Envision pilot results. The program was piloted in the first and fifth grade with half of the students participating in the program and half in the control group. Progress was measured by a pre-test and post-test. Results showed more improvement in the first grade than in fifth grade but, showed marked improvement in LEP students. Teachers will be trained to administer this program on July 22.

V. Board Requests/Reports

V.A. Americanism

V.B. Budget

V.B.1. Need to set a meeting date and time

V.C. Building and Grounds

V.C.1. Roof Top Units at SES Warranty - update

A request has been made to extend the warranties on the rooftop-heating units at SES; the extended warranty expires September 2010. The supplier has denied the request so purchasing an extended warranty will be investigated along with seeking legal counsel on any other options.

## V.D. Curriculum

### V.D.1. Selection of Site for Transportation/Automotive Class

The site to conduct the new automotive technology class was discussed. Questions arose about student transportation to a site and classroom space at the site. McCook High School has offered equipment they used for an automotive class to SCHS at no charge. The board's consensus was that the class should be conducted at SCHS in the ag shop area.

## V.E. Negotiations

A meeting is set on August 3, 2010 for negotiations with the certified staff to begin. A suggestion was made that an attempt be made for future negotiations to be held earlier in the year.

### V.E.1. Meeting set for August 3rd @ 7:00 p.m.

## V.F. Planning

### V.F.1. SES Playground update

### V.F.2. SES traffic pattern - update

The NDOR (Nebraska Dept. of Roads) has been contacted for support of a plan to safely keep cars off of the shoulders on highway 15 near SES. Suggestions include warning lights before and after the overpass on the bypass, reduced speed limit signs, and the addition of a rock road south of the newly planted trees.

### V.F.3. Property Valuation - update

Board member Misek updated those present on the status of Cargill Meat Solution's property valuation protest to Colfax County regarding 2008 and 2009 tax valuations. He added that a ruling on these appeals could take up to six months or longer.

### V.F.4. Cargill Protest - update

### V.F.5. Lawn sprinkler system at SES - update

The installation of the new underground sprinkler system at SES is in progress with the trenching work completed.

### V.F.6. Overcrowding Discussion - update

Discussion on the overcrowding at SCS will be addressed at three public meetings to be held in the SCHS library annex on August 5th and 12 at 7:00 PM and August 16th at 5:30 PM. These meetings will outline the situation, present and seek possible solutions and address questions from the public.

### V.F.6.1. QSCB - update

### V.F.6.2. Public Meetings August 5th, 12th and 16th @ 7:00 p.m. - Update

## V.G. Policy

The policy committee met to review the changes in the 2010-2011 certified and classified handbooks.

### V.G.1. Support Staff Handbook

V.G.2. Certified Handbook

V.G.3. Update Policies - need for update

Superintendent Stevens asked the board to set a date to review changes made by the legislature and to update SCS policies accordingly.

V.H. Public Relations

V.I. Foundation

VI. Action Items

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

Motion to approve all bills of \$5,000 or more Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Jim Mejsrik.

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

VI.B. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the the Support Staff Handbook for school year 2010-2011

Motion to approve the Support Staff Handbook for School year 2010-2011 Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

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

VI.C. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the the Certified Staff Handbook for school year 2010-2011

Motion to approve the Certified Staff Handbook for school year 2010-2011 Passed with a motion by Virginia Semerad and a second by Larry Wennekamp.

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

VI.D. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the changes in the Student Fee Policy for 2010-2011 school year 2010-2011

Motion to approve the the changes in the Student Fees policy for the 2010-2011 school year. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Chuck Misek.

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

VII. Administrative and Other Reports

VII.A. Superintendent's Report

VII.A.1. NRCSA Membership

Superintendent Stevens asked the board's permission to renew membership in the NRCSA.

#### VII.A.2. 2010 Census Report

The 2010 school census has been completed. According to the reports, the number of school age students should increase by fifty students comparing 2009 to 2010 data. Enrollment projections for 2010-2011 are: grades K-3, 630, grades 4-8, 647, and grades 9-12, 466. Students who option into or out of the district will also affect these numbers.

#### VII.A.3. Back to School Extravaganza/Longevity Awards - August 15th

The Back-to-School get-together for all SCS personnel will be held on August 15 at the Oak Ballroom.

#### VII.A.4. Evaluation of Administration and Coordinators

Evaluations for all administrators and coordinators have been completed.

#### VII.A.5. Enrollment

#### VII.A.6. NASB Membership Meeting - September 29th

The NASB annual membership meeting will be held on September 29 and all board members are encouraged to attend.

#### VII.A.7. NASB Individual Board Awards form

#### VII.A.8. ACLU - update

#### VII.A.9. State Accreditation

SCS has received notice that the NDE has approved their accreditation for the 2010-2011 school year.

#### VII.A.10. Next regular board meeting - Monday - August 16th, 2010 - @ 6:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 16 at 6:30 PM to be preceded by a hearing and public meeting on the overcrowding issue at 5:30 PM.

### VIII. Correspondence Items

#### VIII.A. Lisa Clausen - Death of her Father

Correspondence was received from Lisa Clausen upon condolences from SCS received by her family.

### IX. Executive Session

#### X. Adjournment

A motion was made at 8:42 PM by Parr and seconded by Mejstrik to adjourn. Motion carried.