



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2010 7:00 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
120 W. 20th St.
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 7:22 PM.

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

Present: 6.

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 President Wennekamp at 7:22 PM, which was preceded at 5:30 PM by a public open forum on overcrowding. Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Baumert, Grammer and Vrba, assistant principals Cunningham and Cline, activities administrator Egr, director of facilities Mundil and curriculum, instruction, and assessment administrator, Dave Gibbons. Community members were 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. President Wennekamp 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 Parr and seconded by Brabec to approve the agenda, minutes, acceptance of claims, financial, and other listed reports; motion passed.

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

II.D. Financial

II.E. Other Listed Reports

III. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the use of Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB)

Due to public interest in the overcrowding issue this motion was introduced earlier in the meeting. A motion was made by Parr and seconded by Wennekamp to proceed in using the QSCB (Qualified School Construction Bonds) in a way decided either by a vote of the qualified voters of district 19-0123, Colfax county or the board of education representing the people of school district 19-0123, Colfax County.

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

Student representative Cesar Gonzalez was absent from the meeting.

IV. Board Requests/Reports

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

A hearing will be held prior to the September board meeting to discuss the 2010-2011 SCS budget.

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

IV.B.2. Selection of Auditor

Superintendent Stevens commented that Pekny and Associates has provided SCS with excellent service for several years.

IV.B.3. Review preschool payment schedule

A short discussion on the fee schedule for pre-school concluded that the board felt the current fees were fair.

IV.B.4. Fund summary

Discussion on the various funds (special building fund, bond fund, general fund, employee benefit fund and lunch fund) projected as if they will fall within the 2010-2011 budget. The superintendent commented that the board of education has been frugal, as well as the administration after a spending freeze was put into place in February 2010.

IV.B.5. Budget hearing and approval at board meeting on the 20th

IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.C.1. Track update

Repair of the track by Midwest Track and Tennis was completed last week with insurance funds. Coach Winings and Mr. Mundil worked together to define wants vs. needs with the completed track looking better than ever.

IV.C.2. Walk through of SES

A walk-through was conducted at SES to determine if all necessary repairs have been completed by the contractor. Information on purchasing extended warranties has not been received.

IV.C.3. Neighbor Works amended Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)

Attorney Dick Seckman has brought up some changes he would like to see in the contract between SCS and NeighborWorks.

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

The negotiations committee reviewed the proposed negotiated agreement for certified staff and felt that both worked for the common good. Salaries for support staff, administration, and coordinators still need to be set.

IV.E.1. Review of proposed negotiated agreement

IV.E.2. Setting salaries of support staff, coordinators and administration

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Need for wireless upgrade in the district

The technology committee has recommended a wireless upgrade for the SCS district; more information will be shared at the September meeting.

IV.F.2. SES traffic pattern - update

Superintendent Stevens met with two representatives from the NDOR to investigate improving the traffic patterns at SES. Recommendations included: educating patrons and parents on traffic safety; increased law enforcement, and hiring a traffic consultant.

IV.F.3. Technology Briefing

Eight members of the SCS district have been invited to Chicago to visit the Apple Corp. to discuss the One-to-One project.

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Need to set a meeting date and time

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.H.1. ACLU editorial

Superintendent Stevens commented on the editorial on the SCS residency policy printed in the Schuyler Sun by Amy Miller representing the ACLU. A point was made that the residency policy is for the good of the SCS district, though some are trying to make it into a racial issue. Plans are in the works to hire a liaison paid for by Title I funds to help those new to the community to find resources, answer questions and transition smoothly into the community.

IV.I. Foundation

V. Action Items

V.A. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the proposed master contract for 2010-2011

- Motion, Mejstrik, second, Semerad – Motion to approve the proposed master contract for 2010-2011. Motion carried.

V.B. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the Activity Handbook for 2010-2011

- Motion, Brabec second, Wennekamp – Motion to approve the activity handbook for the school year 2010-2011. Motion carried.

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

There were no bills of \$5000 or more.

V.D. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the selection of an auditor for the 2009-2010 audit

- Motion, Semerad, second, Misek – Motion to approve Pekny and Associates as the SCS Auditor to audit the 2009-2010 funds. Motion carried.

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VI.B. High School Principal Report

Principal Baumert reported that Andrea Halladay, para educator; Rebecca Geiger, science; Jeremy Hlavac, PE/health; and Matt Turner, social studies are new to the Schuyler Central High School staff. As of August 13, there were 456 students in grades 9 through 12.

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

Assistant principal Cunningham reported that the SCHS Back-to-School Dance held on August 10 was attended by 115 students; he would like to see increased attendance next year.

VI.D. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment Report

Curriculum director Gibbons said that 41 teachers attended the Envision training

VI.E. Activities Administrator Report

Activities director Egr reported she has created a Sponsors-Activity Council for the purpose of discussing constitutions and aiding sponsors that are in need some leadership direction for their organizations focusing on updating constitutions and working to find resources for leadership for the students and sponsors. She explained that voting for Homecoming candidates will be done online this year for the first time.

VI.F. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Facilities director Mundil reported that the underground sprinkler system was completed at SES and that new vinyl- siding, carpet and cabinets were installed at Fishers #24.

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

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Principal Comley reported that there are 48 students enrolled for preschool but, they are hoping more will enroll. Classes at SES have reached twenty students in nearly every section of classes with two classes slightly over that number.

VI.I. Grades 4-8 Principal's and K-8 Rural Schools Report

Principal Grammer introduced the new SMS Assistant Principal, Jason Cline.

VI.J. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stevens gave a summary of the presentation he made to SCS staff on August 12 at pre-service days.

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

VI.J.2. NASB Meeting in Fremont - September 29th

VI.J.3. Option Enrollment

VI.J.4. Beginning of School - observations

VI.J.5. Next regular board meeting - Monday - September 20th, 2010 - @ 6:30 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for September 20 at 6:30 PM.

VII. Correspondence Items

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made at 8:47 PM by Brabec and seconded by Parr to adjourn. Motion carried.