



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2010 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:32 PM.

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

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

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

Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Grammer, Comley, and Vrba, assistant principals Cunningham and Cline, activities administrator Egr, and director of facilities Mundil.

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 Wennekamp 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. 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

Student representative Cesar Gonzalez reported on Student Council and fall sports. Fifteen students will be attending the State Student Council Convention.

IV. Board Requests/Reports

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.D. Curriculum

Jeff Droge, director of technology was present along with two representatives from Prime Communications, Pat Gibbons and Dixon Greenfield, to explain the proposal to upgrade the SCS wireless infrastructure. At SCHS there are over 300 computers in use. Mr. Droge explained that our wireless system was never designed to handle as much as this and we definitely need to make an upgrade. The plan presented would cover our current technology investment in addition to software, hardware for future technology advancements. Mr. Gibbons pointed out that this upgrade should provide support for seven to nine years before upgrades would be needed due to rapid advancement of technology. The wireless access points would have a lifetime warranty. Mr. Stevens will check with other school systems that are using the Aruba System.

IV.D.1. Wireless infrastructure

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Procedures and Guidance on use of QSCB

Two documents focusing on present and envisioned floor-plans at SMS and SES that were prepared by the facilities committee of the Schuyler Area Administrators were presented by Superintendent Stevens. The plans projected classroom usage from 2011-12 thru 2012-2015.

IV.F.2. November board retreat

IV.F.3. Jerry McCall - long term planning

Jerry McCall, a long-term facilities planner met with members of the planning committee. He briefed the committee members on how he could benefit the SCS system.

IV.F.4. Traffic consultant

The traffic pattern at SES has improved with a second line of traffic running in back of the school. A new street connecting to the existing Chicago Street cannot be realized until the adjoining property is developed.

IV.G. Policy

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

V. Action Items

V.A. Discuss, consider and take necessary action on bills of \$5,000 or more

Four bills were included in this action item.

Motion to approve all bills of \$5,000 or more. Passed with a motion by Jim Mejstrik and a second by Richard Brabec.

Mr. Clint Parr: Absent, Virginia Semerad: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

V.B. Discuss, consider and take necessary actions to approve board policy updates

Motion to approve the second reading of the 2010-2011 board policy update. Passed with a motion by Larry Wennekamp and a second by Jim Mejstrik.

Mr. Clint Parr: Absent, Virginia Semerad: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

V.C. Discuss, consider and take necessary action to approve the sex offender policy

Motion to approve the second reading of the sex offender policy. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Chuck Misek.

Mr. Clint Parr: Absent, Virginia Semerad: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VI.B. High School Principal Report

Formal observations are complete on tenured and non-tenured staff. An early release incentive day is planned in November for students who qualified in the attendance portion of ERIP during term one.

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

VI.D. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Sophomores will be taking the PLAN test on October 27th. This test aligns closely with the ACT test. Students in grades two through eight will take Terra Nova achievement tests the week of October 25.

VI.D.1. Preliminary information assessment results

VI.E. Activities Administrator Report

Sales of athletic season passes increased from last year as well as gate receipts at varsity contests. New banners depicting senior students involved in extra-curricular activities have been hung in the west gym.

VI.F. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Cost proposals are being sought for roof repair at SCHS.

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

The pre-school teachers are now CPR certified; there are currently sixty-seven students enrolled in pre-school.

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

The representative from the NIFDI reading program was at SES for five days. She complimented SES on the improvement of teaching Reading Mastery and the levels of mastery that students are reaching.

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

SMS English classes participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration Essay Contest sponsored by The Latin-American Commission. Schuyler Middle School had three students win first, second and third place. The students were honored at a reception on Friday, October 8th at the State Capitol in Lincoln, NE.

VI.I.1. Community (Parent) Resource Center

Plans continue for the Schuyler Community Resource Center. A job description has been prepared. Funds from Title I and III will be used in part to support this new program.

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

Fall sports ended at SMS on October 12; winter sports practices will begin October 25. A SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) organization has begun at SMS to focus on character building throughout the school.

VI.K. Superintendent's Report

VI.K.1. 4R - drinking water update

A letter from DHHS advised SCS that District 504-R is now in compliance with the standards for public drinking water.

VI.K.2. Emergency Medical Leave Bank request

A request from Alyce Thege for five days from the Classified Emergency Medical Leave Bank was discussed.

VI.K.3. Lafarge article

VI.K.4. Superintendent's Evaluation

In 2009-2010 superintendent evaluations were completed in December. Due to the upcoming election in November, the board will discuss moving this evaluation to November.

VI.K.5. Board felicitations

VI.K.6. President and treasurer sign bank signature cards

The board president and treasurer were asked to sign signature cards for the representative banks for SCS.

VI.K.7. NASB/NASA Education Conference - November 17-19

VI.K.8. Audit update

A completed audit from Pekny and Associates will be presented at the November board meeting.

VII. Correspondence Items

VIII. Executive Session

A motion was made at 8:25 PM to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, motion carried. A motion was made by exit executive session was made at 8:47 PM by Misek and seconded by Mejstrik. Motion carried.

VIII.A. Personnel Matter - Retirement

A motion to enter executive session was made by Brabec and seconded by Mejstrik. A motion was made to exit executive session at 8:47 PM by Misek and seconded by Mejstrik. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Jim Mejstrik. Mr. Clint Parr: Absent, Virginia Semerad: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IX. Motion to accept the resignation and retirement agreement.

The SCS Board of Education thanked Mrs. Barry for her years of dedication and service to the district.

The resignation of Sheryl Barry effective October 18, 2010, should be and is hereby irrevocably and unconditionally accepted; and, (2) The Retirement Agreement between Sheryl Barry, an employee of the School District, and this School District, a copy of which is on file with official records of this School District and is incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth in full, should be and is hereby approved and accepted, and that the President or any other school official of this School District should be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to sign, execute and deliver the same for and on behalf of this School District. Passed with a motion by Jim Mejsstrik and a second by Larry Wennekamp.

Mr. Clint Parr: Absent, Virginia Semerad: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejsstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. Passed with a motion by Chuck Misek and a second by Jim Mejsstrik.

Mr. Clint Parr: Absent, Virginia Semerad: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejsstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Jesse Sierks and a second by Jesse Sierks.