



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2017 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM.

Chuck Misek: Absent
Richard Brabec: Present
Mynor Hernandez: Present
Holly Hild: Present
Virginia Semerad: Present
Brian Vavricek: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

I. Call Meeting to Order

STRIVE • COMMIT • SUCCEED - District Mission Statement

Schuyler Community Schools in partnership with parents, students, and the community is committed to educate students to become skilled, knowledgeable and responsible citizens in a global society - District Vision 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

Meeting was called to order by President Brabec at 6:30 PM. Board members present were Vavricek, Semerad, Brabec, and Hild. Hernandez arrived at 7:10 PM and Misek was absent. Also present were Principals Comley, Grammer, Burton, Kovar, Zavadil and Directors Vrba and Gibbons.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

President Brabec read the District Mission Statement and declared the meeting was in open session and was advertised to the public and the Board of Education by advance notice. All those 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.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the consent agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Holly Hild and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Mynor Hernandez: Absent, Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

II.C.1. Bills of \$5,000 or more

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

Colin Gibbons was present for the meeting as a requirement for his Boy Scout merit badge.

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

III.C. Student Representative's Report

IV. Action Items

IV.A. Americanism: Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Programs

This committee is responsible for reviewing curriculum recommendations, textbook selection, requisitions/inventory, and instructional programs.

IV.A.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017 textbook replacement and curriculum updates.

The board committee met with Dave Gibbons and building principals to review the textbook cycle recommendations for 2017-2018. See attached information.

Textbooks are replaced yearly according to the Textbook Cycle Curriculum Database. Quotes are still being taken from textbook suppliers for the 17-18 school year.

Motion to approve the 2017 textbook replacement and curriculum updates. Passed with a motion by Virginia Semerad and a second by Brian Vavricek.

Mynor Hernandez: Absent, Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IV.A.2. Consider, discuss and take action to approve 2017-18 Special Education Services with ESU 7.

Attached are the 2016-17 and 2017-18 services provided by ESU 7. The contract for 2017-18 also includes a .80 FTE contract for school psychologist to replace Mr. Goos. I attached the 2016-17 contract for comparison purposes.

The contract for 2017-18 also includes a .80 FTE contract for school a psychologist provided by ESU7. The time the psychologist serves the district will be assessed and adjusted, if necessary.

Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Special Education Contract with ESU 7. Passed with a motion by Virginia Semerad and a second by Richard Brabec.

Mynor Hernandez: Absent, Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IV.B. Board Policy, Handbooks, and Support Programs

This committee is responsible for annual review of board policies, handbooks, and crisis/safety plans. This committee is also responsible for the support and development of support programs(nursing, food service) in the district.

IV.C. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

This committee is responsible for recommending approval of building/grounds and transportation programs, vehicle replacement schedule, building and maintenance and upgrade schedule.

IV.C.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017 vehicle replacement plan

Attached is the vehicle replacement plan with the plan for both large and small vehicle replacement. The transportation committee agreed to replace the two old route buses with used buses rather than continue replacing one bus with a new bus every other year. This will allow us to get back on track with two reliable buses for routes and elementary field trips. The total budget for vehicle replacement is \$100,000.

The transportation committee agreed to replace the two old route buses with two newer 71-passenger used buses.

Motion to approve the 2017 vehicle replacement plan as presented. Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Mynor Hernandez: Absent, Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IV.C.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the purchase of a 71 passenger, 2012 International Bus

The recommendation in the vehicle replacement plan calls for the replacement of the two oldest buses used on the route. We recommend purchasing two used buses rather than a

new bus. We have a 71 passenger bus located for less than half the price of a new bus. Purchase price quoted with the trade is \$43,000. See attached information.

Motion to approve the purchase agreement for a 2012 International bus from Cornhusker International. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Brian Vavricek.

Mynor Hernandez: Absent, Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IV.C.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve 2017 Building and Grounds Summer Maintenance Plan

Building principals have worked with Ronnie Mundil and maintenance staff on recommended upgrades to their buildings and grounds. Attached is their recommendation for the summer of 2017.

Pricing for planned projects is still under consideration; the school board can still say yes or no to individual projects.

Motion to approve 2017 Building and Grounds Summer Maintenance Plan Passed with a motion by Virginia Semerad and a second by Richard Brabec.

Mynor Hernandez: Absent, Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IV.C.4. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action with regard to awarding the general contract for construction of the Schuyler High School Classroom Addition building project.

MOTION AND RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Schuyler Central Community Schools

Meeting of Board of Education, March 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of this School District solicited bids for a general contract for the construction of the Schuyler High School Classroom Addition building project and received bids from the following contractors set forth on the Bid Tabulation, Attachment "A" hereto.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the bids and exercised due diligence to determine if a contractor submitting a bid is a qualified bidder, examined and compared the bids submitted by the contractors to determine whether their respective bid complies with the contract and construction documents, and determine which of the bids received is the lowest responsible bid under the applicable law of the State of Nebraska that best meets the needs of the School District for the Schuyler High School Classroom Addition building project; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that the bid submitted by Bierman Contracting, Inc. is the low monetary bid, and that upon inquiry and investigation determines that Bierman Contracting, Inc., has the ability and capacity and the equipment and facilities to carry on the work, has provided assurances of the ability to perform the work with promptness and on schedule, has exhibited quality of work on previous projects and is suitable to the particular task of the Project, and if awarded the contract has the ability to perform it strictly in accordance with its terms, and as such, the Board of Education finds that the Bierman Contracting, Inc., bid constitutes the low responsible bid for the Schuyler High School Classroom Addition building project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the basis of the foregoing recitals, the Board of Education of this School District should, and does, hereby award the bid for the Schuyler High School Classroom Addition to Bierman Contracting, Inc. for the sum of NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$996,500.00), and hereby authorizes and directs the President of the Board of Education or other board of education officers and the Superintendent of Schools to execute all documents necessary to enter into a contract pursuant to the bid documents and all other actions necessary thereto.

The foregoing Motion and Resolution having been read in its entirety, and Board member _____ moved for its passage and adoption. Board member _____ seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

_____.

The following Board members voted against the same:

_____.

The following Board members were absent or not voting:

_____.

The above Motion and Resolution having been consented to by a majority of the members of the School Board of this School District, were declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2017.

**COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 19-0123, A/K/A SCHUYLER CENTRAL
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BY:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

This motion and resolution were prepared by the school's attorney. Bierman Contracting was the low bidder. Value engineering is still in progress; some items are no longer warranted due to the school being a public entity with a Zone A status. The construction timeline allows for the portable classrooms to remain in use during construction.

Motion and Resolution to approve the contract with Bierman Contracting, Inc. for construction of the Schuyler High School Classroom Addition building project. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Brian Vavricek.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.D. Governance: Public Relations, Technology, and Planning

This committee is responsible for recommending the annual district calendar, strategic planning process, technology, and promoting positive public relations and communications program.

IV.D.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017 Strategic Plan as presented

Attached is the plan as of Friday, March 17th. The plan is kept current on the filemaker portal and will be finalized on Monday prior to the meeting. The only updates from Friday to Monday will be to the high school classroom addition. I will be updating the timeline and actions associated with the bid from Bierman Contracting, Inc.

Motion to approve the 2017 Strategic Plan as presented. Passed with a motion by Virginia Semerad and a second by Brian Vavricek.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.D.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017 technology replacement plan.

We replace two classrooms of iPads each year. In addition Mr. Droge manages computers, printers, and copiers on a rotation schedule. See attached plan.

Two classrooms of iPads are replaced each year. In addition, a rotation of computers, printers, and copiers is on a yearly schedule.

Motion to approve the 2017 technology replacement plan as presented. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.D.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2017-18 school calendar.

The SEA and administrators met several times and presented their recommendation to the board committee over the past two months. See attached recommendation.

Motion to approve the 2017-18 school calendar as presented Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Mynor Hernandez.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.E. Budget, finance, negotiations, and personnel

This committee is responsible for budget, finance, and contract negotiations with administration, certificated staff, and support staff.

IV.E.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve staff resignations

Teachers

1. Michaila Gansebom: Instrumental Music Teacher
2. Rebecca Thuman: 9-12 Language Arts Teacher
3. Amanda Hutton: 9-12 Spanish Teacher
4. Eryn Lemke: 5th Grade Teacher
5. McKenzie Goplin: 2nd Grade Teacher
6. Lanette Bathen: Elementary Reading Specialist

Support Staff

1. Daicy Estrada: SCHS special education para-educator
2. Hilda Ramos: SES para-educator
3. Adonis Lopez: SES Head Custodian/Maintenance

Teachers submitting resignations are as follows: Michaila Gansebom, Instrumental Music; Rebecca Thumann, 9-12 Language Arts; Amanda Hutton, 9-12 Spanish; Eryn Lemke, 5th grade; McKenzie Goplin, 2nd Grade; Lanette Bathen, Elementary Reading Specialist; and Support Staff members Daicy Estrada, SCHS special education para-educator; Hilda Ramos, SES para-educator; and Adonis Lopez, SES Head Custodian/Maintenance.

Motion to approve teacher and support staff resignations as presented and thank them for their service to the district. Passed with a motion by Virginia Semerad and a second by Holly Hild.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.E.2. Consider discuss and take action to approve early retirement applications

1. Mike Goos: School Psychologist

Motion to approve Mike Goos' application for early retirement and thank him for his service to the school district. Passed with a motion by Holly Hild and a second by Brian Vavricek.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.E.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve new hire recommendations

Teachers:

1. Nancy Tellez: Early Childhood Home Provider (Amanda O'Malley)
2. Melanie Gustafson: 9-12 Language Arts Teacher (Jill Hoelsing)
3. Jason Trautman: 9-12 Language Arts Teacher (Becky Thuman)
4. Belarmino Chavez: 9-12 Spanish Teacher (Amanda Hutton)

Support Staff:

1. Maribel Mendez: SES Special Education Para-Educator (Hilda Ramos)

New teachers hired for the 17-18 school so far are Nancy Tellez, Early Childhood Home Provider; Melanie Gustafson, 9-12 Language Arts; Jason Trautman, 9-12 Language Arts; and Belarmino Chavez, 9-12 Spanish.

Motion to approve new hire recommendations as presented. Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Mynor Hernandez.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.E.4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve 2017-18 support program coordinators and directors contracts

The finance committee met and approved salary proposals for program coordinators for 2017-18 school year. We will be extending teacher contracts in April and support staff and extra-duty contracts in May.

Motion to approve 2017-18 support program coordinators and directors contracts as presented Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Holly Hild.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V. Discussion Items and Reports

V.A. Principals Reports

Preschool and 3-5 Principal's Report: Mr. Comley

K- 123	1- 131	2- 157	3- 131
4- 119	5- 128	Total- 789	Preschool- 106

Preschool roundup will be held at Headstart on March 22nd 8:00-4:00, and March 23rd 8:00-5:00

I have been finishing up formal observations and things are going really well at SES and Preschool. Teachers are doing and outstanding job.

Outstanding attendance again at SES and Preschool for PT conferences.

Traffic is going good.

Sixpence had a state visit and we did an outstanding job! I was commended on the work we have done for our families and were told that we were one of the leaders in the state when it comes to early childhood. Our home visitors are doing an outstanding job! Thank you for all your support in the program.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Principal's Report: Mr. Kovar

Formal observations for the year have been completed. You will be happy to know that there are some great things happening in the classrooms at Schuyler Elementary. There is so much evidence that APL and Capturing Kids Hearts strategies are being used. The professional development that you have all committed too is being used and is having an impact on students!

We will have a few staff changes for next year, and interviews will begin on Wednesday the 22nd.

Parent teacher conferences were a success, with near 100% attendance or contact.

The school improvement team continues to meet monthly and is already preparing for our External visit next year.

Rural School Principal and Instrumental Music Report: Mr. Reinsch

Richland Report

A strategic planning parent meeting was held at Richland on March 6. Information was shared and discussed about opportunities to increase enrollment over the next 3 years. Items of focus included 1) Pre-School, 2) Busing, and 3) STEM pending board of education approval.

Fishers Report

The Fishers strategic planning parent meeting was held on February 28. Priorities for 2017-18 include shifting of teaching assignments to get extra help in the 6th-7th-8th grade classroom.

A Sped teacher and Richland teacher could flip-flop morning and afternoon to accommodate the 6/7/8 need.

Parents offered to start fund raising activities to help fund new playground equipment. An operating council meeting will be held on April 3 to plan for possible fund raising.

Schuyler Middle School Band

115 band students in grades 6-7-8 will be attending the Springfield-Platteview Music Contest on Friday, March 24 along with Mrs. Bywater's 7-8 choirs.

Schuyler Central High School Band

Five SCHS band students auditioned and were selected to play in the Conference Honor Band at Aurora on March 20.

flute-Claire Martin, alto sax-Sidney Svehla, F Horn-Kasey Barbec, trombone-Connor Bywater, baritone-Maria Semerad

Middle School Assistant Principal's Report: Mr. Zavadil

-Interviews to fill our positions at the middle school are going well, we have a good pool of applicants for our jobs and will likely have our open positions filled very soon.

-Fourth quarter is in full swing and my project based learning class has started again. I am excited to take everything that I have learned from the first semester and pour that into changing things up and making the second semester even better. We are adding two or three projects to this quarter that should enrich the experience.

Schuyler Middle School Principal's Report: Mrs. Burton

SMS Parent-Teacher Conference Report:

6th Grade-129/143 or 90.2%

7th Grade-105/123 or 85.3%

8th Grade-98/130 or 75.4%

Total Attendance Percentage: 83.8%

SMS Student Enrollment

6th Grade-143

7th Grade-123

8th Grade-131

Total Student Enrollment:397

2016 Student Enrollment: 377

There are several upcoming dates of importance at SMS. A parent letter will be mailed home next week informing parents of all important dates for their children.

Please take a moment to read over the SMS Warrior Update: <https://www.smore.com/vzsjb>

High School Assistant Principal's Report: Mr. Kasik

- As we enter fourth quarter our training days are wrapping up and we have had fewer subs in the building.
- I am seeing teachers using Discovery Ed. strategies as well as APL improving our lessons.
- Saturday school and ISS numbers are down for the last few weeks.
- We have been busy conducting staff interviews and assembling our teaching team for next year.

- We are starting to look at scheduling changes and ways to make our school better for next year. There will be challenges with this as we continue to see our student numbers increase.

?High School Principal's Report: Mr. Grammer

Brief overview of what has happened at Schuyler Central High School for the months of February & March:

Our March Students Of The Month are: Senior—Emanuel Magana; Junior—Juan Uribe; Sophomore—Diana Lira, and Freshman—Rosalynd Calderon. Congratulations to these students for their diligent hard work academically, behaviorally, and in their great attendance.

Kasey Brabec, a sophomore at SCHS, was selected as the March Fine Arts. He was nominated by Mrs. Hoelsing for his work in One Act and Speech. Congratulations to Kasey Brabec for his hard work and dedication to our Fine Arts programs.

We have hired two new Language Arts teachers. Mrs. Melanie Gustafson will be teaching 9th Grade English and Speech and Jason Trautman will be teaching Junior English. I would like to welcome to our staff and look forward to them working with our students.

Throughout the months of March and April, we will begin conducting our spring formal observations using iObservation. We are seeing many benefits to the use of iObservation for the improvement of instruction in our classes. Teachers are demonstrating growth and enhancement of their instruction.

At SCHS we have begun implementing and using the ACT PREP Online through the state. We are still using the John Baylor ACT Prep program for all of our students to sign up for and participate in. We are going to be working on preparing for Juniors for the ACT test on April 19th.

Congratulations to the girls and boys basketball teams for improving in their programs and the development of younger players. They were extremely competitive and represented SCHS in the best possible ways.

SCHS enrollment as of March 14th: Total Enrollment: 545
Seniors – 115; Juniors – 125; Sophomores – 150 Freshman – 155

The Discovery Education training and staff development has been a positive and beneficial process for our staff. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with Discovery and continue our improvement in the classroom.

Kindergarten round-up is going well with many returned applications. Interviews to fill two openings at SES will begin this week. Richland School is interested in promoting STEM education and is discussing offering a preschool program. 8th graders at SMS will be touring Midland University in April.

K-6 Youth Activities Program: Mr. Kovar

Youth sports- The basketball season has completed. I truly believe it was a success. I have contacted all of the coaches, and am compiling there thoughts and suggestions on how to improve for next year. We are currently having volleyball for 5th and 6th grade girls, and are working on a plan for 3rd and 4th grade girls to run in April.

The FieldHouse continues to be a big hit. To give an example, last Saturday morning, there were K&1 boys basketball games on the sport courts, and around 40 girls on the turf field attending a softball clinic put on by our high school coaches. The options are endless on how we can improve, and we are getting better!!

Middle School Activities Director's Report: Mr. Zavadil

-Spring sports are underway with the Middle School Track starting practice today. Our first JH track meet will be the "Early-Bird" meet at Wisner on April 4th followed by West Point April 13th.

-Jim and I have been interviewing coaches for the next school year and are making progress on filling some coaching vacancies.

-Most of the Fall and Winter Schedules for next school year have been nearly finalized and should be finished by the end of March.

-The use of the Field-House has been going well during the school day and before/after school. Coaches are booking times and we have a system that seems to be working well.

High School Activities Director's Report: Mr. Kasik

- Winter basketball seasons wrapped up with districts the end of February.
- Wrestling finished on a high note winning the conference tournament (Second time in school history), 8 state qualifiers, a 16th place finish at state and the school's first trip to the state duals in Kearney as one of the top 8 schools in Class B.
- Speech just completed a successful season. Our speech team sent 8 individuals to district finals, unfortunately no one was able to qualify for the state meet. This is a young group that shows a lot of promise.
- We are conducting Cheerleading tryouts at this time with Dance and Flag tryouts to follow.
- Monday 3/6 was our winter sports awards night. We had nearly 200 students and parents in attendance.
- Tuesday 3/7 was our spring sports parent meeting, attendance was down slightly for this.
- Spring practices have been underway for two weeks and the Field House addition has been a great asset with our recent weather. We have the following numbers out for sports: (Overall we are seeing a 10% increase in participants.)
 - Boys Soccer 59 (+12%)

- Girls Soccer 33 (-8%)
 - Boys Track 39 (+16%)
 - Girls Track 20 (+20%)
 - Boys Golf 14 (+14%)
- Our coaches are finalizing action plans for next year. Mr. Zavadil and I are conducting interviews for our head coaching openings as well as our activity openings. We will be finalizing this in the next couple of weeks.

Director of Special Education Report: Mrs. Vrba

A Generous Gift: The Colfax County ARC Association has given each special education program in of our school district \$300.00! Their only stipulation was that teachers purchase materials and/or equipment that would assist our students be more successful in his/her classroom. Besides the \$1,500 for each special education program, the ARC donated an additional \$500 for students to use for activity that involves all grade-levels. Last year, the K-5 students and high school students went to Aksarben Village. It was a priceless adventure for all of the students involved and bonds of friendship between the different levels were formed!

Crazy time of the year: Everyone is busy making sure all their students are ready for the NeSA and ACT tests that are just around the corner. We still have a list of students to test and check on students that are in the SAT process before the school year is over. We are starting the extremely important part of transitioning students from their present program to the next step. We are busy laying the ground work to ensure our strategic plan challenges us to grow more effective over the next three years.

Curriculum, Assessment, and Federal Programs Director: Mr. Gibbons

Curriculum – Dr. Hoelsing and I attended the National Association for Bilingual Education conference February 23 - 25. We attended many interesting (and yes, some not so interesting) sessions on why and how to set up bilingual or dual language schools. After listening to all the presentations and especially after listening to a keynote by Dr. Leo Gomez, I am convinced of two things: 1) we could improve services for students by adopting a dual language program, and 2) we need to proceed slowly and deliberately to ensure proper implementation of a program. *More information is attached.*

Assessment - The ELPA 21 started this week. This is a challenge due to the high numbers of ELL students and the low number of ELL specific teachers, but our staff does a great job scheduling and getting it taken care of.

Here is a reminder of the tests that we will need to complete this spring:

- ELPA 21: February 6 - March 17, 2017
 - Given to all Limited English Proficient students
- NAEP: SES 4th Grade is February 21; SMS 8th grade is February 22
 - A random sampling of students taking a variety of tests.

- NeSA - ELA, Math, Science: March 20 - May 5, 2017
 - Students in 3rd - 8th grade (Science is 5th and 8th)

After School Program - The after school program has started fourth quarter clubs. As of the beginning of the fourth quarter, there are 200 active elementary school students and 77 active middle school students. At the elementary school, we have five teachers, five college students and fifteen high school students supervising clubs such as, the story club, Crafty creations, Girls Softball, soccer, basketball; Boys Baseball, soccer, basketball; Newsletter Club, Drawing Clubs, and DIY club. We will have our 2nd Annual Warrior Academy Fun Run at Schuyler Elementary School on Friday, April 28.

At the middle school, we have four teachers and one college student providing a variety of clubs, including the You club, Painting Club, There's no Reason, Crocheting Club, Acting/Drama Club, Gardening Club, DIY Club, Culture Club, Nerd Club, Volleyball Club, and Basketball Club.

Summer School - Middle School Newcomers - 5/19 to 6/6/2017

Migrant Summer School (Run by ESU 7 in SMS) - 6/12/ to 6/30/2017

High School Credit Recovery and Courses - May/June

21st Century Middle School - 6/5 to 6/23/2017

21st Century Elementary - 6/5/ to 6/23/2017

Warrior SMS STEM Camp - 7/5 to 7/21/2017

Elementary STEM/Reading/ELL - 7/5 to 7/21/2017

Athletic participation at SCHS is up 10% from the 15-16 school year. According to the NSAA, SCHS is ranked 19th among 48 Nebraska Class-B schools. Track began at SMS with 120 participants. Fall and winter athletic schedules are being finalized for 17-18 and coaches are being interviewed.

A dual-language program is being discussed with implementation projected for the 2018-2019 school year. A first step will be to create a team to inspect the various models available.

V.C. Superintendent's Report

1. **Foundation After Hours Event:** The Foundation after hours event has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 30th. Brian Vavricek and Virginia Semerad can fill you in on any additional information about the event.

2. **May School Board Meeting:** Request to move the May School Board Meeting up to accommodate Awards Night at the High School for May 8th. The Awards Program is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM.

3. **Academic Honors Night:** Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 PM.

4. **Graduation:** Sunday, May 14th at 2:00 PM

The SCS Foundation After-Hours event has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 30th at the Schuyler Golf Club.

V.D. Board Member/Committee Reports

VI. Correspondence Items

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Passed with a motion by Mynor Hernandez and a second by Holly Hild.

Chuck Misek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Holly Hild: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1