



Schuyler Community Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 14, 2011 6:30 PM  
Schuyler Central High School Music Room  
401 Adam Street  
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:40 PM.

Richard Brabec: Present  
Lumir Jedlicka: Present  
Chuck Misek: Present  
Mr. Clint Parr: Present  
Virginia Semerad: Present  
Brian Vavricek: Present

Present: 6.

I. Picture of Board Members by the Yearbook staff

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 at 6:40 PM by President Jedlicka. Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Pavlik, Grammer, Vrba, and Comley, Assistant Principal Cunningham, Director of Facilities Mundil, Activity Administrator Egr, Curriculum Administrator Gibbons, and Student Council representative Rudy Pineda.

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 Jedlicka declared the meeting was preceded by advance notice and declared to be an open session.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on the consent agenda

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

Richard Brabec: Yea, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

III.A. Agenda

### III.B. Minutes

### III.C. Acceptance of Claims

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

Motion to accept claims of all bill of \$5,000 or more. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Brian Vavricek.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea  
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### III.D. Other Listed Reports

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

### IV.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

#### IV.A.1. Headstart Presentation

Central Nebraska Community Services Early Childhood Programs was represented by Sue Obermiller, the programs department director, along with Cindy Stewart, Kim Putney, and Christy Hruza, employees at the Schuyler facility. Ms. Obermiller shared that their programs currently serve 778 students in ten Nebraska counties with the Schuyler facility currently serving 120 students from prenatal to five years of age. Head Start has been serving the area since 1998. She invited everyone to visit their new facility in Schuyler.

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

### IV.C. Student Representative's Report

## V. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

### V.A. Americanism

### V.B. Budget

#### V.B.1. Presentation of 2010-2011 Audit

Adam Elm and Fernando Alarcon, representing Pekny and Associates were present to explain and answer questions on the 2010-2011 SCS audit. In their opinion, they found a "clean audit." They detailed items of recommended changes in procedure, new regulations and items of compliance.

Motion to approve the 2010-2011 school audit, annual financial report and supporting documents. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Chuck Misek.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### V.C. Building and Grounds

### V.D. Curriculum

### V.E. Negotiations

#### V.E.1. Health Insurance - Self Funding discussion

Todd Dropel and Steve Bailey from Folda and Company have inquired about the possibility of self insuring the SCS health insurance program. Mr. Stevens will collect additional information to present to the School Board on this topic.

### V.F. Planning

#### V.F.1. 6th, 7th and 8th grade students transition to SMS - follow-up discussion

Community members were in attendance to hear discussion and comment about the possibility of moving 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from the three rural attendance centers to SMS. Advantages listed included natural alignment of the district curriculum, cost saving of transporting students to SMS for athletics and music, availability of extra curriculum, lack of special services in the rural centers and a water problem and a selenium problem at two of the attendance centers. Advantages to keeping students at rural sites listed were smaller teacher to student ratio, individualized student instruction, and older students able to tutor/mentor younger students. This issue will be discussed again at the December meeting.

## V.G. Policy

### V.G.1. Certificated Staff Observation/Evaluation

Motion to approve the 2nd and final reading of the certificated staff evaluation packet  
Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.  
Richard Brabec: Yea, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,  
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea  
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## V.H. Public Relations

### V.H.1. Channell 99 contract - update

This item was tabled to the December meeting. The contract between the City of Schuyler and SCS concerning channel 99 did not include a renewal date. The school board members recommended a yearly renewal date.

## V.I. Foundation

### V.I.1. Chamber Action - Need to set meeting time/date

The Schuyler Area Chamber of Commerce has been in discussion with the SCS Foundation regarding use of the Chamber of Commerce office as a "clearing house of information" for Schuyler Alumni. This would offer a single source of complete alumni information for both local and out-of-town alumni. Final details are to be determined.

## VI. Action Items

## VII. Administrative and Other Reports

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

### VII.B. High School Principal Report

Jayne Hlavac received the NEMA Sound Off for Media Award at the Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) Annual Meeting. She was honored for her work with the students especially during Teen Read Week. Thirty-six students are using their FOCUS time to prepare for the December ACT test. The test preparation program is designed by the ACT corporation.

### VII.C. Grades 9-12 Assistant Principal's Report

On Monday November 7th, members of Student Council attended the State Student Council Convention. Student Council will be hosting a "Spirit Week" the week of November 28th.

### VII.D. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

### VII.E. Activities Administrator Report

On November 4th, 2011, SCHS hosted the Twin River vs. Yutan C2-2 District volleyball final game.

### VII.F. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

A bid from Environmental Service Inc. to install a radon mitigation system at District 504R for an estimated cost of \$1800. At this time one piping location will be addressed, although another location might need to be added after the radon level is retested. The exhaust hood system and Verilon strip curtains in the SCHS welding area are complete.

#### VII.G. Grades k-3 Principal's Report

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2nd grade science night was held November 10th. SCS Preschool is currently at 85 children. The Chicago Street completion has aided in a smoother traffic flow at dismissal time at SES.

#### VII.I. Grades 4-8 Principal's Report

This is the second year the middle school English classes participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration Essay Contest sponsored by The Latin- American Commission. Over 210 essays were sent to the Latin-American Commission in the Middle School division from across the state. From these essays across the state of Nebraska, Schuyler Middle School again had three students win First, Second and Third in the Essay Writing Contest. Irvin Olivas won First Place, Judit Estrada took Second Place, and Preston Hall's essay took third place. Students were honored at a reception on Friday, October 14th at the State Capitol in Lincoln, NE.

#### VII.J. Grade 4-8 Assistant Principal Report

#### VII.K. Superintendent's Report

##### VII.K.1. Emergency Medical Leave Bank Request - Support Staff

A request from a support staff member was received for twelve days from the Emergency Medical Leave Bank for classified staff.

##### VII.K.2. Request for Curriculum Development/Program Improvement funds

Kari Kracl has requested \$252 of Curriculum Development/Program Improvement funds for work she has done to improve student NeSA test scores.

##### VII.K.3. Option Enrollment Update

##### VII.K.4. NASB/NCSA State Convention - Update

##### VII.K.5. Superintendent's Evaluation Preparation

The evaluation of job performance for the SCS Superintendent will take place in November. Evaluation forms will be mailed out to School Board members and results will be compiled and available at the December School Board meeting.

##### VII.K.6. Meeting time for December 12th changed to 7:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled SCS Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in December.

#### VIII. Correspondence Items

#### IX. Executive Session

#### X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:21 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Lumir Jedlicka.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea

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