



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2012 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:33 PM.

Richard Brabec: Absent

Virginia Semerad: Absent

Lumir Jedlicka: Present

Chuck Misek: Present

Mr. Clint Parr: Present

Brian Vavricek: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

Attendance Update Taken at 6:42 PM.

Virginia Semerad: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM. Also present were Superintendent Stevens, Principals Vrba, Comley, and Grammer, Assistant Principals Cunningham and Cline, Curriculum Administrator Gibbons, Activity Administrator Egr, Director of Facilities Mundil, and student representative, Cesar Gonzalez.

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

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 Chuck Misek and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

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

Motion to approve all bills of \$5000 or more. Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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

Visitors at the meeting included Susan Jacobus, Grace Torzcon, and Glenetta Misek.

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

Glenetta Misek, teacher at Richland School, invited everyone to visit her school on Thursday, February 16 when they host "Wildlife Encounter." Students raised the money to host this company from Gretna for this all-day assembly from.

III.C. Student Representative's Report

Student representative, Cesar Gonzalez, gave an update on activities involving FFA, FCCLA, State wrestling, and Little Girls Dance Camp.

IV. Board Requests/Reports/Action Items

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.B.1. State Aid projections

In the last two school years, state aid for SCS has been cut by 1.7 million dollars. The projection for 2012-2013 shows us receiving an \$800,000 reduction. At present SCS is on a general spending freeze. Other spending reductions will involve: not filling positions of resignation/retirement; increasing class sizes; reducing a staff member at each of the rural/satellite schools; holding the line on building supply budgets; and continuing all cost saving items implemented throughout the district during the last year (i.e. transportation, sharing supplies across the district, etc.)

IV.B.2. Colfax County/Cargill tax refund

SCS is responsible for repaying \$339,000 in property tax dollars to Colfax County from 2008, 2009, and 2010 due to a reduction in the valuation of Cargill Meat Solutions. The property taxes from 2008 will be paid within the next four years. Taxes owed for 2009 are \$72,797.36 and for 2010 are \$139,208.14. Property tax support that would have been due to SCS for 2011 from Cargill will be held back by the Colfax County Treasurer.

IV.B.2.1. Discuss, consider and take action on a Certificate of Hardship for 2009 taxes received from Cargill/Colfax County.

Motion to approve a Certificate of Hardship for the refunding 2009 property taxes received from Cargill/Colfax County. Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Chuck Misek.

Richard Brabec: Absent, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.B.2.2. Discuss, consider and take action on a Certificate of Hardship for the refunding 2010 property taxes received from Cargill/Colfax County.

Motion to approve a Certificate of Hardship for the refunding 2010 property taxes received from Cargill/Colfax County. Passed with a motion by Lumir Jedlicka and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Richard Brabec: Absent, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
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IV.B.3. Discuss, consider and take action on entering into an interlocal agreement with Seminole Energy Services/NJUMP program

Motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with Seminole Energy Services/NJUMP program for the purpose of ensuring adequate natural gas service for Schuyler Community Schools. Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Chuck Misek.

Richard Brabec: Absent, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
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IV.B.4. Refinancing 2007 Bonds

Scott Keene representing Ameritas spoke to the Board about refinancing school bonds from 2007 due to extremely low interest rates. He proposed two questions: Does the Board want to refinance these bonds, and if so, when? He presented two options, the accelerated savings solution and the uniform savings solution. The Board can choose to act soon, wait until the call date of 12/12/2012, wait until 2017 or do nothing until maturity in 2032. There will be administrative, sales, and bank fees connected to this refinancing process. The finance committee will meet within two weeks to choose the most beneficial option.

Motion to authorize the finance committee to approve a financing with Ameritas to refund 2007 bonds. Passed with a motion by Lumir Jedlicka and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

Richard Brabec: Absent, Lumir Jedlicka: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
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IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.C.1. Water at Fisher's 24 - update

A bid was received from Culligan Water Conditioning for installation of a reverse osmosis system to treat all of the water at Fishers #24 School. This is in response to a state-mandated solution to the problem of selenium in the water. The rental fee will be \$35 per each unit (two units.)

IV.C.2. EMC recommendations

EMC - our liability insurance provider - has been working with the custodial and kitchen staff in an effort to make our work place a safer environment. The culmination of those efforts will be featured in a meeting on February 21 at 2:30 in the SCRC (Schuyler Community Resource Center.)

IV.C.3. Modular update

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.E.1. Discuss, consider and take action on a request by the Schuyler Education Association to be the official bargaining unit.

Motion to approve the Schuyler Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for the Schuyler Community Schools. Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Chuck Misek.

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IV.E.2. Negotiations meeting - February 23rd at 4:30?

The negotiations committee will begin the negotiating process with the SEA on February 23, 2012.

IV.F. Planning

IV.F.1. Schuyler Elementary School - addition update

Chuck Misek visited the construction site of the SES addition. The painters are scheduled to begin on March 1. Construction is on schedule with planned completion before the August 2012 school year.

IV.F.2. Discuss, consider and take action on increasing internet bandwidth

This increase will allow our students to perform at a high level technologically. In addition, Mr. Gibbons commented that this new increase will be needed when 400-500 students are taking state assessments all at the same time.

Motion to increase internet bandwidth - as provided by ESU 7 - from 40 mb to 100 mb. Passed with a motion by Lumir Jedlicka and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

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

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.H.1. Buffet Foundation - Save the Children - proposal

The Buffet Foundation funds this Save the Children Program in fourteen states and is looking for five more states to take advantage of their program. The program is involved in educating parents on how to prepare their children for school, early childhood education, literacy and physical activity and nutrition. A site coordinator would need to be hired to oversee the program who would visit the homes of students three times per month.

IV.I. Foundation

Brian Vavricek reported that at the next Foundation meeting the focus will be on setting goals, guidelines, and electing officers. Sandy Seckman has joined the group.

IV.I.1. Update of activity

V. Action Items

VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

Principal Grammer visited the rural schools to check over playground equipment at all three sites.

VI.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

A graph assessment was shared with the board members with results gathered from graduates of the classes of 2011 and 2007 who answered questions about how SCS prepared them for science, math, reading and life in general after graduation. Twenty four out of two hundred questionnaires were returned. At the February 8 teacher inservice, attendees were asked to suggest new vision and mission statements for SCS.

VI.C. Activities Administrator Report

VI.C.1. Bleacher update

The bleachers at SCHS have been repaired and the basketball backboards now have safety straps. To accommodate a handicapped seating area, the first row of bleachers will be pushed in all the way across and a protective railing will be installed around this area after graduation in May of 2012. The SCHS welding class is constructing the railing. SCHS will be hosting conference track in the spring of 2012.

VI.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Radon testing was completed January 29th at District 504R; we will get the results in March or April. The board would like radon testing done at SMS and SCHS.

VI.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

At parent-teacher conferences on February 2nd and 3rd, SES had 97% of parents attending.

VI.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

The Colfax County Spelling Bee was held on February 6th at the Middle School Cafeteria. There were three schools represented from our district (Richland, Fishers #24, and SMS) involving twelve students. A new policy will be implemented immediately at SMS where all interior doors will be locked whenever there is nobody inside the room. The Science Fair, sponsored by the Science and Math Club at SCHS is scheduled for March 7 at SMS.

VI.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

The language arts and math departments in grades 6-12 are meeting to begin the process of curriculum alignment and revision. We are in the process of reviewing our current discipline plan and making changes to better suit the needs of the school and students. We are researching a point system discipline plan. Principal Pavlik is finalizing his recommendation for the changes to be made to the 2012-2013 school day schedule.

VI.H. Superintendent's Report

VI.H.1. Sharing of evaluation with the SAA

The evaluation of the superintendent was shared with all area administrators.

VI.H.2. Election date reminder

VI.H.3. Board Development

There will be three opportunities for school board development; board members are encouraged to take advantage of at least one.

VI.H.3.1. Judge and Jury - March 13th - Lincoln Marriott

VI.H.3.2. Leadership - Norfolk February 22nd or Lincoln February 29th

VI.H.3.3. NRCSA Spring Conference - March 22nd and 23rd - Kearney Convention center

VI.H.4. Option Enrollment update

VI.H.5. Board Retreat - need to set a date

VI.H.6. Support/Administrative Staff Emergency Medical Leave Bank request

A staff member requested 7.75 days from the support/administrative staff Emergency Medical Leave Bank.

VI.H.7. Discuss, consider and take action to pay the annual dues for the Nebraska Association of School Boards

Superintendent Stevens would like to see SCS continue membership in this association. He noted that SCS is also a member of NRCSA and benefits from membership in each group.

Motion to approve the payment of the annual dues for NASB membership for 2012-2013 school in the amount of \$5,588. Passed with a motion by Lumir Jedlicka and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI.H.8. Discuss, consider and take action on the 2012-2013 Special Education Service Contract with ESU 7

Motion to approve the 2012-2013 Special Education Service Contract with ESU 7.

Passed with a motion by Chuck Misek and a second by Brian Vavricek.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. Correspondence Items

VIII. Executive Session

VIII.A. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss a student issue.

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VIII.B. Motion to exit executive session to discuss a student issue.

Motion to exit executive session at 9:35 PM to discuss a student issue. Passed with a motion by Chuck Misek and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by President Jedlicka at 9:36 PM. Passed with a motion by Lumir Jedlicka and a second by Mr. Clint Parr.

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

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