



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2013 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
120 W. 20th St.
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:34 PM.

Lumir Jedlicka: Absent

Brian Vavricek: Absent

Richard Brabec: Present

Eric Cerny: Present

Chuck Misek: Present

Virginia Semerad: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 2.

Attendance Update Taken at 6:34 PM.

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 Vice President, Richard Brabec. Others present were Superintendent Hoelsing and Curriculum Director Gibbons.

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.

Vice President Brabec declared that the open meeting notice was posted and this meeting is open to the public.

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 Virginia Semerad.

Lumir Jedlicka: Absent, Brian Vavricek: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Eric Cerny: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

Attached are the July 2013 checklist and vendors paid over \$5,000. See attachments

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

Motion to approve claims of \$5000 or more. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Chuck Misek.

Lumir Jedlicka: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Eric Cerny: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea,
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

II.D. Financial

Attached is the Finance Report for July, 2013.

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

IV. Board Requests/Reports

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.B.1. Discuss, consider and take action to set board finance/budget committee meetings time and dates

NASB School Finance & Budget Planning Workshops

These evening workshops are ideal for superintendents and board members, both new and veteran. This three-part workshop will cover school finance (i.e. TEEOSA, equalized vs. non-equalized, etc.) presented by a school business manager; board/superintendent budget planning led by staff and a superintendent; and a budget planning hot topic discussion with peers. Workshops will be held July 10 in Gering, July 11 in Kearney, July 18 in Norfolk, and July 23 in Lincoln. Register now at www.nasbonline.org

Schuyler Finance Committee meeting and 2013-14 Budget Workshop

We would like to review the 2012-13 budget and begin planning for the 2013-14 budget goals. In addition, I would like to discuss the board's interest in hosting a budget workshop for the entire board.

No action was taken on this item. Dr. Hoelsing suggested that the finance and budget committee meet in an advance workshop prior to the August meeting to discuss the upcoming budget in detail and develop goals. Results of this workshop will be presented to the entire school board at the August meeting.

IV.B.2. Discuss, consider and take action to approve an additional 2% budget authority for the 2013-14 school year as recommended by the district auditor.

The legislature reduced the spending lids for 2013, 2014, and 2015 by 1% for each year from the original allocation in order to reduce the need for additional state aid in the new formula. In order for the district to access additional authority, the local board of education must vote in favor (75% majority) to access an additional 2% budget authority and the state board of education must approve their request. While the board may vote to access this authority, the actual budget does not have to reflect this increase.

See attached information.

Motion to approve an additional 2% budget authority for the 2-13-2104 school year as recommended by the district auditor. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Brian Vavricek.

Lumir Jedlicka: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Eric Cerny: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV.B.3. Discuss, consider and take action to approve the contract with Pekny and Associates, CPA's, PC for the 2012-13 District Audit.

Pekny and Associates have been doing Schuyler Community Schools' annual audit of financial statements, reviewing your schedule of assets, receipts, expenditures, and fund balances. See attached contract for details included in the annual audit.

Motion to approve the contract with Pekny and Associates, CPA's PC for the 2012-2013 district audit. Passed with a motion by Virginia Semerad and a second by Eric Cerny.
Lumir Jedlicka: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Eric Cerny: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea,

Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
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IV.C. Building and Grounds

IV.C.1. Discuss, consider and take action amend motion from leasing to purchasing new copy machines for SCHS for the 2013-2014 school year.

In May 2013 the board took action to approve the new copiers. At the meeting, the motion was changed to lease the machines. Following the meeting, the bank informed us that the motion needed to be to purchase the new copy machines. This item is only to correct the motion from leasing to purchasing the equipment.

Motion to amend previous motion from the May 2013 meeting to change language in motion from "leasing" to "purchasing" new copy machines for SCHS for the 2013-2014 school year. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Chuck Misek.

Lumir Jedlicka: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Eric Cerny: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea,
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
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IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

IV.F. Planning

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Discuss, consider and take action to approve 1st reading of new and updated policies for the 2013-14 school year.

Each year the Educational Service Units provide a policy update service. The Law Firm PGH&G (School Attorneys) provide a set of proposed policies in response to changes from Legislature on newly adopted statutes and/or rules from the Department of Education.

Attached is an overview page with a list of proposed policies and rationale. I also included the recommended policies and our present policies (if available) for your review. The 2nd reading on these policy recommendations will be on the August meeting agenda for final adoption or amendment.

Prior to the second reading at the August meeting, Dr. Hoelsing will meet with all principals. School Board members will be able to review current policy and proposed changes in advance. Policy changes will be acted on at the August meeting.

Motion to approve first reading of new and updated policies for the 2013-2014 school year. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Lumir Jedlicka: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Eric Cerny: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea,
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IV.H. Public Relations

IV.H.1. Discuss, consider and take action to approve 2013-14 membership with the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA)

Attached is the annual membership renewal with the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA). See attached information for details on services provided by the Association for the 2013-14 school year.

Motion to to approve 2013-14 membership with the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA.) Passed with a motion by Virginia Semerad and a second by Brian Vavricek.

Lumir Jedlicka: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Eric Cerny: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
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IV.I. Foundation

The SCS Foundation has met twice since the June 2013 school board meeting. They will sponsor the Alumni Dance during the Labor Day weekend. The Superintendent commented that plans for the proposed fine arts center could impact the budget plan for the 2013-2014 year.

V. Administrative and Other Reports

V.A. Rural/Satellite Schools Report

V.B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Attached is the Summer School and Back to School information from Dave Gibbons. See attachment.

The Back-to-School breakfast will be held August 7; all board members are welcome to attend. Longevity awards will be given at this time.

V.C. Activities Administrator Report

Update on 2013-14 coaches and sponsors. Michelle Egrs was very excited about the quality of people involved with the various team and organizations. See enclosed list.

Information Only

V.D. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Ron was great help. He took me around all of the school facilities and showed me the progress on summer projects. Schuyler is an impressive district and has much to be proud of. See attached report for updated status on summer projects.

The question was raised if the entire gym floor needs to be refinished each summer if the area underneath the bleachers is rarely used? The comment was made that gym floors began to dry out and take on humidity if not properly sealed.

V.E. Schuyler Elementary School Report

V.F. Schuyler Middle School Report

V.G. Schuyler Central High School Report

V.H. Superintendent's Report

I have enjoyed the first few weeks on the job. I was prepared to "get my feet wet" but found myself treading water at times. Always exciting to start a new job and meet new people. The office staff, maintenance crew, and administrators have been extremely helpful and professional.

I also had a chance to meet and attend meetings with some of the local service organizations, business and bank representatives and other school and city personal. Looking forward to getting started with more of the staff in August. New staff is scheduled to start on August 5th and returning staff begins workdays on August 7th.

A school board member received a phone call from a member of the school district inquiring about combining the job of transportation coordinator with the job of maintaining SCS vehicles. More rationale will be collected and a report will be presented to the entire school board at the August board meeting.

V.H.1. Review Final NCSA Legislative Report from the 2013 Legislative Session. Attached is the 2013 Final Legislative Report as provided by Dr. Mike Delaney from the Nebraska Council of School Administrators. Mike does a great job of summarizing the session and presenting the information in an understandable format. See Attachment. Dr. Hoseing has posted the 2013 Final Legislative Report as provided by Dr. Mike Delaney from the Nebraska Council of School Administrators for the perusal of board members.

V.H.2. Discuss Expenditure Exclusions submitted for State Board Approval

As part of the budget process, 2013-14 lid exclusions must be approved by the State Board of Education. There are two exclusions for school districts for the 2013-14 budget. They include an exclusion for voluntary early retirement contracts and costs associated with the rate increase to the public school's retirement system. See attached requests.

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VI. Correspondence Items

VI.A. Update on student option enrollment and transfer requests.

We have one request for a district transfer. John and Molly Kasik have an 8th grade daughter who was attending school in Richland. She is the only 8th grade student enrolled at the Richland Attendance Center. They are requesting permission to attend Schuyler Middle School for the 2013-14 school year. See attached request.

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Virginia Semerad.

Lumir Jedlicka: Absent, Richard Brabec: Yea, Eric Cerny: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1