



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2019 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:27 PM.

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

Present: 5.

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

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the pledge.

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 back of the meeting room.

Nebraska Open Meetings

Act: http://nirc.nebraska.gov/documents/statutes/NebraskaOpenMeetingsAct_current.pdf

II. Recognition of Re-elected Board Members - Oath of Office

1. **Congratulations** to Rich Brabec and Brian Vavricek on their re-election to the board of education.

2. **Rich and Brian:** Read and sign the oath of office.

*Attached below is the board self-evaluation for all board members to review. This is not a required evaluation, just an opportunity for you to check yourself.

III. Election of 2019 Board Offices

2018 Board Offices

President: Rich Brabec

Secretary - Virginia Semerad

NASB Delegate - Rich Brabec

Vice President - Brian Vavricek

Treasurer - Chuck Misek

Recording Secretary - Sally Jakub

2019 Board Offices

President -

Secretary -

NASB Delegate -

Vice President -

Treasurer -

Recording Secretary -

III.A. Board President

Process for Office Nominations:

1. Board member makes a nomination for the position (no second needed)
2. If more than one member is nominated for an office, written votes should be used and passed to the recording secretary for count.
3. If only one nomination is made, any member of the board may make a motion for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. Motion must have a second, followed by a voice roll call vote.

Motion to elect President of the Board of Education - Semerad nominated Richard Brabec. Motion by Misek to cease nominations; seconded by Vavricek. Richard Brabec was elected by a unanimous vote.

III.B. Vice President

Process for Office Nominations:

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Motion to elect VicePresident of the Board of Education - Brabec nominated Brian Vavricek. Motion by Semerad to cease nominations; seconded by Hernanadez. Brian Vavricek was elected by a unanimous vote.

III.C. Secretary

Process for Office Nominations:

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Motion to elect Secretary of the Board of Education - Vavricek nominated Virginia Semerad. Motion by Brabec to cease nominations; seconded by Vavricek. Virginia Semeradcek was elected by a unanimous vote.

III.D. Treasurer

Process for Office Nominations:

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Motion to elect Treasurer of the Board of Education - Brabec nominated Chuck Misek. Motion by Hernandez to cease nominations; seconded by Semerad. Chuck Misek was elected by a unanimous vote.

III.E. NASB Delegate

Process for Office Nominations:

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Motion to elect NASB Delegate of the Board of Education - Vavricek nominated Rich Brabec. Motion by Vavricek to cease nominations; seconded by Semerad. Rich Brabec was elected by a unanimous vote.

III.F. Recording Secretary

This can be an appointed position by the newly elected board president. In the past you have appointed Sally Jakub for this position.

Motion to appoint Sally Jakub as recording secretary. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

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

III.G. Board of Education Committee Assignments

Committees will be appointed by the president of the board. These committees are created for specific tasks of seeking information or investigation and will report back to the board for its consideration and action. Committee action is considered to be advisory only. The following committees are appointed at the annual board organizational meeting for one year.

Foundation Committee: Responsible for working with the Schuyler Community Schools Foundation. **2 Members Required in Bylaws.** Foundation meets the first Monday of the month at 12:00 PM. **(2018 - Brian Vavricek and Virginia Semerad)**

Americanism, Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction: Responsible for reviewing curriculum recommendations, textbook selection, staff requisitions and inventory. This is the only committee required by law (79-724) **3 members required.** **(2018 - Virginia Semerad, Holly Hild, Mynor Hernandez)**

Board Policy/Handbooks/Support Programs: Responsible for annual review of board policies, handbooks, and safety/crisis plan. **2-3 members recommended.** Following the Americanism Committee Meeting. **(2018 - Virginia Semerad, Holly Hild, Rich Brabec)**

Public Relations/Strategic Planning/Calendar: Responsible for recommending the annual district calendar, strategic planning process, and promoting positive public relations and communication. **2-3 members recommended.** Following the Policy Committee Meeting. **(2018 - Mynor Hernandez, Holly Hild, Chuck Misek)**

Building/Grounds/Transportation: Responsible for recommending approval of the building and grounds and transportation programs, vehicle replacement schedule, building maintenance and upgrade schedule) **3 members recommended.** **(2018 - Chuck Misek, Brian Vavricek, Rich Brabec)**

Budget/Finance/Negotiations: Responsible for budget, finance, contract negotiations with administration, certificated staff negotiations and support staff contracts. **3 members recommended.** Following the Bldg/Grnds/Transportation meeting or following the board meeting. **(2018 - Chuck Misek, Rich Brabec, Brian Vavricek)**

* Special temporary committees of the Board, except as specified by statute, may be appointed by the president or chosen by a vote of the Board as needed. The function of all such committees shall be fact-finding, deliberative and advisory, but never legislative or administrative. When the specified purpose of all sub-committees appointed to conform to statute. The superintendent shall be an ex-officio member of all such committees.

Since the board will be appointing a new board member next month they will wait to assign the committee assignments until next month.

IV. 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, Mynor Hernandez: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Brian Vavricek: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

IV.A. Agenda

IV.B. Minutes

IV.C. Acceptance of Claims

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

IV.D. Financial

IV.E. Other Listed Reports

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

V.A. Recognition of visitors and guests

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

V.C. Student Representative's Report

- sophomores through 8th grade have the opportunity to go on a Boston and NYC trip
- Focus' are practicing building card houses for the latest focus competition
- Mr. Trautman's English classes are doing a new thing on a website where they compete with other schools across the country on who knows more vocabulary words. This website is to prepare students for the ACT.

Student representative shared that those students in 8th grade through Sophmores will have the opportunity to take a trip to Boston and NYC. The Focus classes are practicing building card houses for the latest competition. Mr. Trautman's class is using a website where the student can compete othe schools account the country on vocabulary word which helps prepare the students for the ACT. The Snowball dance will be held February 1st.

VI. Action Items

VI.A. Budget, finance, negotiations, and personnel

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

VI.A.1. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a Resolution calling for a Special Election in Colfax County School District 0123 (Schuyler Community Schools) on March 12, 2019, to authorize General Obligation School Building Bonds in an amount NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping additions, renovations and improvements to the District's existing buildings and grounds and related improvements

See attached Resolution.

Motion to approve a Resolution calling for a Special Election in Colfax County School District 0123 (Schuyler Community Schools) on March 12, 2019, to authorize General

Obligation School Building Bonds in an amount NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping additions, renovations and improvements to the District's existing buildings and grounds and related improvements. Passed with a motion by Mynor Hernandez and a second by Brian Vavricek.

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

VI.A.2. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve new hire recommendation

1. **Mary Herrera;** SMS Para-Educator (ELL) Replacement position
2. **Martha Viquez;** SES Para-Educator (ELL) K-2 (Non-English speaking program)
2. **Kaydee Dunker;** Kindergarten teacher

Due to the lack of qualified candidates for the preschool teaching position at midterm, we moved a Kindergarten teacher with an early childhood endorsement to replace Karrie Healy at the preschool and are recommending hiring a new Kindergarten teacher at SES.

New hires -Mary Herrera; SMS Para-Educator (ELL) Replacement position

Martha Viquez; SES Para-Educator (ELL) K-2 (Non-English speaking program)

Kaydee Dunker; Kindergarten teacher

Motion to approve new hire recommendation as presented. Passed with a motion by Richard Brabec and a second by Virginia Semerad.

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

VI.A.3. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve renewal of the superintendent's contract.

The negotiations committee is recommending extending the superintendent's contract as presented below:

In compliance with the superintendent Pay Transparency Act, the board of education will consider a two-year contract extension for Dr. Daniel J. Hoelsing at their regular January board meeting. The contract extends the current two-year contract (2018-19, 2019-20) for an additional year (2019-20, 2020-21). The proposed contract includes a salary increase from \$174,000 to \$179,000 (2.8%). Health Insurance deductible increased from \$1,000 deductible to \$1,200 and changed from family coverage to employee/spouse (reduction of \$4,157). All other contract provisions remain unchanged. The current and proposed superintendent contracts are posted on the lower right hand corner of the main district website at: <https://ne02214621.schoolwires.net/Page/514>

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 superintendent's contract as presented. Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Mynor Hernandez.

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

VII. Discussion Items and Reports

VII.A. Priority Schools Report

See attached report.

VII.B. Initial discussion on 2019-20 School Calendar

Attached is the first draft of the 2019-20 school calendar with 2018-19 corresponding dates. The board committee will meet in February to consider input from staff. Our goal is to have the calendar ready for board approval in March.

VII.C. Principals Reports

Preschool and SES 3-6 Principal's Report: Mr. Comley

Program/Staff Member Spotlight: Mrs. Elyse Belina does an outstanding job of working with the high need students at SES. Mrs. Belina does a great job managing not only students and the responsibilities that comes with that, but also many adults. Coordinating them to work with her students is no easy task when it comes to that many people. Mrs. Belina has shown she is a great teacher and we are happy she chooses Schuyler as her home!

SES K-2 Principal's Report: Mr. Kovar

Staff/Program Spotlight: I would like to highlight Megan Reinert 1st grade teacher. Ms. Reinert has shown so much growth as a teacher, and employee of Schuyler Community Schools over the last 3 years. She has embraced the role of team leader of our school improvement team, which involves many hours and extra work with creating agenda's and completing extra tasks. She is always willing to help when needed, and has grown as an educator in her classroom. She works hard to develop meaningful relationships with her students and parents, and uses strategies from APL and Capturing Kids Hearts to accomplish this. I am very proud of her accomplishments and achievements.

Rural Schools Principal's Report: Ms. Bebout

Program/Staff Member Spotlight: I would like to highlight ALL of my staff at the rural schools!!!! For 2 ½ months they had to share a building, classroom space, specials, and many other things. What could have been a struggle for some, my teachers & paras made the best out of the situation. They worked together, the students did activities together, and students and staff made new, lasting friendships. On the last day before Christmas break there were hugs, a few tears, and a nice send off to the Fisher friends. I am very proud to be the administrator of both of these buildings!

Middle School Asst. Principal's Report: Mr. Zavadil

Program Spotlight: This month I want to recognize the work of our Middle School Band and vocal students 6th-8th grade. They sounded wonderful during the contests and you can tell that they have been working extremely hard under the leadership of Mr. Ehmke, Mr. Coatney and Mrs. Bywater

Staff Member Spotlight: A staff member that I would like to recognize this month is Ms. Mally. She is our 7th grade Science instructor at SMS and she has been a strong and positive member of our team at SMS. Her instruction in the classroom is excellent and follows the Schuyler instructional model. Her ability to form relationships with our students is very impressive and appreciated.

Middle School Principal's Report: Mrs. Burton

Staff Member Spotlight: Mrs. Carol Reha works as SMS, Rural, and Preschool Nurse, continues to have a positive impact. She is extraordinary in her role, but she also works to serve our district by heading up the District Wellness Committee and School Health Index Committee. In addition, you can find Carol serving Schuyler in Salvation Army, TeamMates as both a board member and mentor, a member of the Catholic Church, and P.E.O. Treasurer. Schuyler can also regularly be seen in the stands at wrestling meets and baseball games. She is a always encouraging our students with her spirit and strengthening our Warrior Pride!

Notable Event: SMS has been chosen to take the National Assessment of Educational Progress Test. This will take place on February 27th.

High School Assistant Principal's Report: Mr. Kasik

Program/Staff Member Spotlight: Staci Shonka is in her first year at SCHS and she teaches Geometry, Algebra and Dual Credit Algebra. Mrs. Shonka taught at Hays Center for two years and at Columbus High for five years prior to joining us here at Schuyler. She grew up in North Platte and is married to Greg Shonka who farms in the Schuyler area. Mr. and Mrs. Shonka also has two daughters and they are expecting baby #3. She also is an assistant soccer coach and a freshman class sponsor. Mrs. Shonka is a great teacher who works hard at her craft and is not afraid to be a leader in her department. Mrs. Shonka says that the best part of Schuyler is getting to know a new group of kids and spreading her passion for math.

Upcoming Events: The start of the new semester has been smooth and we are gearing up for ACT testing as well as working with the NDE with our priority plan.

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Grammer

Program Spotlight: Our high school has for the past two years have been planning and updating our Horticulture program at the high school. The program, which we re-started this year is setup and ran through our green house at the back of the high school. The classes, of Horticulture and Floriculture develop skills in relation to floral arrangements and landscaping. Mrs. Trotter is the teacher assistant for the Horticulture and Floriculture classes and she works with our Ag teacher - FFA sponsor and floral projects. The purpose of developing this program was to assist our students in developing skills in the above mentioned areas. This is the second year we are re-running these classes at the high school and has had more success so far this year.

Staff Member Spotlight: The staff member to be recognized for their work in the high school this year is Mrs. Erin Trotter. Mrs. Trotter has worked for the past two years with Horticulture and Floriculture classes at SCHS and landscaping for the district these past two years. She has taken on the challenge of rebuilding these programs, with energy and enthusiasm. The students in these classes work hard to produce quality flowers and work with community on these projects. (poinsettes) She has helped to grow this program and bring fun to the classroom of SCHS. Students are lucky to have her as a teacher and staff are lucky to have her as a colleague. Erin graduated from Columbus Lakeview in 2003 and UNL in 2007. She has been married to Michael for the past 11 years, who is our Art teacher at SCHS. She has two girls, Alyssa 5 years old and Lily 3 years old. Erin is a great asset to our school.

Notable Events: We are continuing our work with the state priority team, UNL ELL team, DE, and PBL through DE.

VII.D. Directors Reports

Afterschool Director's Report: Ms. Bebout

Program/Staff Member Highlight: I would like to point out a few highlights in our numbers for the after-school program. In Warrior Academy right now at the elementary school we have 232 students enrolled. At the middle school we have 44 students enrolled. On an average day we offer around 18 different clubs. Some of the clubs offered are secret agents, 4-H creates, geography club, Spanish amigos, crafty adventures, drawing club, anime club, rubik's master, leadership survivor, and flag football. These are just a few of the clubs offered during any given quarter.

In order to support this program I have 2 amazing coordinators, 18 teachers, 13 staff members who are out of high school, and 11 high school students who are working quarter 3. "It takes a village to raise a child" rings true in our after-school program. We can only be as successful as we are because of all of the staff I have that put their heart and soul into our program!!

K-6 Youth Sports Director's Report: Mr. Kovar

Staff/Program Spotlight: I would like to highlight our volunteer youth coaches for girls and boys basketball this year. K-1 girls Josh Paccas, 2-4 girls Michelle Burton, 5-6 girls Brian Vavricek, K boys Ulises Fuentes, 1-2 boys Robin Burton, 3-4 boys David Hild, 5-6 boys Mason Kovar (Midland Basketball Boys). There will be many other parent and family volunteers who will give their time to help make these programs successful. We will have held our Coaches Clinic on Thursday, January 10th, and practices begin on January 14th, and run through the week of February 25th. There will be a total of 7 sessions for each grade level. I will give an idea of the number of participants at the next board meeting.

Middle School Activities Director's Report: Mr. Zavadil

Program Spotlight: Middle School Boys basketball is off to a strong start with 38 students signed up to play. The 1st game of the year is Vs. Central City in Schuyler tomorrow.

Staff Member Spotlight: I would like to recognize Erin Trotter and all the work she does in the Field-House helping to organize the employee schedule and managing a lot of the day to day operations. She is absolutely fantastic and works very hard to keep things running smoothly. The Field-House is very busy this time of year and is an excellent resource for our students and local youth teams.

Notable Event: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a free throw challenge in the SMS gym on Friday at 1:30 January 25th. I am very pleased to be working with the Knights of Columbus on another fun event and want to thank them for doing this for our students.

High School Activities Director's Report: Mr. Kasik

Program/Staff Member Spotlight: Dan Wolken is in his second year here at Schuyler. Mr. Wolken has taught and coached at Bartlett Wheeler Central, O'Neil St. Mary's, Lindsey Holy Family, West Point Central Catholic and Valentine before joining us. He lived in Fremont until he was 13 and then moved to West Point. He teaches History and is the Head Girls BB and Track coach. Mr. Wolken brings a lot of teaching and coaching experience to Schuyler, he works hard to make Schuyler better. Mr. Wolken says that the best part of Schuyler is how respectful our students are.

Upcoming Events: Our basketball teams will be competing in the conference tournament in a couple of weeks. Our wrestlers have their 13-Team Invite on Jan. 12th and we are also hosting the Central Conf. Wrestling tournament on the 26th. We are also hosting our first annual Speech Invite on February 2nd.

Student Services Director's Report: Dr. Lefdal

Program/Staff Member Spotlight: UNL High School -After a semester of UNL High School courses being offered at SCHS, I believe it is important to reflect on the successes, learning opportunities, and down-right struggles of our programs. Let's start with some basic data that will help us better understand the courses and things we have learned so far. We initially signed up 116 students for UNL courses. We had 30 days to test the courses and see if those students could make it in that type of educational environment. After 28 days, I removed 44 students from the classes and put them into appropriate level courses. We have since added 27 classes and have 99 classes being taken. We had 26 students pass courses in UNL, 41 are still working on courses, 5 students failed a course, and we had 19 that had to be removed due to IEP and language issues or if they moved or dropped out of school. I consider this to be a very successful test run of the program. We have learned how to better operate the classes, which students might be most successful in the programs, which classes are realistic for the level of the student, and when to best use the classes. The second semester will look quite a bit different from semester one. We have a better understanding of how to best use the courses, and which students can be successful. The most valuable piece is that this is a wonderful opportunity for the students at SCHS. We were using the program as a way to recover credit, but I see this program accelerating students and increasing class offerings for our college-bound students. What an amazing opportunity for all of our students.

Program/Staff Member Spotlight: Alternative Education - I would first like to thank the board of education for allowing me the opportunity to work with Dr. Hoelsing on this program. Although it is still in its infancy stages, I believe this program can and will help many of our students. We have set the maximum number of students at 10, and we currently have 7 students in the program and have 5 that are interested in joining the program second semester. We are working with students to individualize a plan for each one of them. Mr. McClintic has been leading the students through coursework and has seen some early successes with students who hadn't found success at school before. We continue to work with students on attendance and other challenges and barriers that these students bring into the classroom. We have a long and challenging road ahead of us, but the program is up and running, with a few tweaks along the way, I believe we can have a very successful program.

Program/Staff Member Spotlight: College Credit Classes - After reviewing the dual credit and college credit courses, we have so much to be proud of at Schuyler High School. We have 70 students taking 103 college and dual credit courses. Being able to offer our students these opportunities to advance their high school career and prepare them for the rigor of college coursework is nothing short of amazing. By allowing for reimbursement of the course after completion and after criteria have been met, this allows for "leveling the playing field" for all of our students and shows first-generation college students that it can be done. Bravo SCHS and the Schuyler Board of Education! Shout out I would like to thank all of the office staff for all of the amazing work they do for our district. This is a difficult position and all of you handle it with grace, kindness, and awesomeness!

Special Education Director's Report: Mrs. Vrba

Program/Staff Member Spotlight: Brenda has been working with our medically fragile students for the last 25 years in the Schuyler Community School system. (Although she has 38 cumulative teaching years in this very specialized field of special education.) Since it was Brenda that provided home-bound services for this group, they are truly like her very own "adopted kids". She is continuously working to improve their instructional programs and/or finding ways for them to enjoy real childhood experiences. One of her young gentlemen is a freshman this year. He has experienced numerous challenges and changes as he has transitioned from the Middle School to the High School. Just like a concerned parent, she suggested maybe spending time with him would help him feel calmer and settled. Brenda stepped up and volunteered to spend mornings with him for the whole week before Christmas break which allowed "coaching moments" for his teacher and paras to happen. (It was NOT an ideal time because she had so much planned for her other students at SMS!) But she did make it work!! Through Brenda's love and compassion for her students, she has been able to develop and maintain a strong safe

relationship and "family bond" with her students and their families!

Notable Events: In November and December, I spent numerous hours in classrooms conducting observations on my team of special education teachers. This group of educators face some tough obstacles every day in our classrooms. We know that every child can learn BUT they may have a different learning style and work at a different pace to reach mastery. Each child is unique! It is difficult for some core subject teachers and/or general education teachers and/or classmates to understand that..."fair doesn't mean giving every child the same thing, it means giving every child what they need". Special education teachers focus on making modifications and accommodations to the curriculum to ensure their students are being successful in our classrooms.

Curriculum and Assessment Director's Report: Dr. Gibbons

Spotlight - I would like to express my appreciation for the new staff that attended the APL training. There had been a mix up with dates so we had planned for December 4th and 5th but the teachers were flexible and were able to make the date change to December 13 and 14th work.

Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) - The Nebraska Department of Education has created a new designation for the lowest performing 5% of Title 1 schools in the state. Schools are identified based on state assessment performance, growth and progress on state assessments, progress on proficiency for EL students, chronic absenteeism and scores on the school's Evidence Based Analysis (EBA). **No school in the Schuyler Community Schools system was designated as a CSI school.**

2017 - 2018 State Assessments - I have created a website with our data displays for the third through eighth grade Reading and Math NSCAS at

<https://sites.google.com/schuylercommunityschools.org/assessmentdata/home>

Data for all schools in the state can be found at <http://nep.education.ne.gov/>

What you will see in that data is that while we are not where we want to be, we are also not significantly below the state average in any area. I would really appreciate the opportunity to visit with the curriculum and planning team to go over the data in greater depth.

Schuyler Assessment System - Schuyler Community Schools has made the purchase of the Renaissance suite of assessments. This assessment suite will help us better monitor and track the progress of all of our students to ensure that they are learning what we expect them to learn. We will have a training on January 21 to look at understanding and using the data from these assessments.

Professional Development - Steve Harris, a math consultant with Discovery Ed, was here January 9th, 10th and 11th working with Math teachers at the elementary and high school levels. We are working on planning math instruction to better meet the standards, to shift from a more procedural understanding to a more conceptual understanding and to shift the responsibility of learning to the students.

Curriculum Development - It is still a work in progress but here is our current curriculum cycle for 2018 - 2019

2019					Total of Year	102,067.85
2019	2059	2-5	K-5 ELL	ELL Math	Materials	1,200.00
2019	2061	2-5	K-5 ELL	ELL Science	Materials	595.00
2019	2062	2-5	K-5 ELL	ELL Social Studies	Materials	450.00
2019	2063	6-8	6-8 MAT	Math	Materials	23,205.00
2019	2071	6-8	6-8 ELL	ELL Math	Materials	1,200.00
2019	2073	6-8	6-8 SOC	ELL Social Studies	Materials	1,000.00
2019	2111	10-12	AGR 211	FLORICULTURE	Materials	6,000.00
2019	2117	10-12	AGR 302	LANDSCAPE AND NURSERY MANAGE	Materials	6,200.00
2019	2122	9-12	CRE 500	CREDIT RECOVERY AND ENRICHMEN	Materials	1,800.00
2019	2129	9-12	ART 402	CERAMICS	Materials	100.00
2019	2159	9-12	ESL 505	ESL MATH	Materials	3,600.00
2019	2160	9-12	ESL 510	ESL SCIENCE	Materials	2,400.00
2019	2161	9-12	ESL 515	ESL SOCIAL STUDIES	Materials	2,400.00
2019	2162	9-12	SOC 120	ESL PRE SOCIAL STUDIES	Materials	2,400.00
2019	2164	9-12	ESL 530	ESL PROGRESS	Materials	3,600.00
2019	2175	12	FCS 401	ADULT LIVING	Materials	5,201.45
2019	2176	9-10	ITE 101	TECHNOLOGY EXPLORATION	Materials w/ special permission	1,800.00
2019	2180	11-12	ITE 300	ADVANCED C.A.D. TECHNOLOGY	Materials	1,800.00
2019	2222	11-12	SCI 300	COMPUTER SCIENCE	Materials	1,800.00
2019	2234	K-5	K-5 ELL	K-5 ELL Reading	Materials	4,316.40
2019	2244	K-12	K-12 CON	Consumable Books and Workbooks	Materials Yearly	25,000.00
2019	2258	3-5	3-5 Tech	Keyboarding/Tech Program	Materials	6,000.00

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Mynor Hernandez.

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

VII.E. Superintendent's Report

Upcoming Meeting dates:

1. **Wednesday, January 23rd at 5:00 PM:** The team consisting of the board members, architect, superintendent, and two community members will meet to short-list the Construction Manager at Risk applicants.

2. Construction Manager at Risk Interviews

Monday, January 28, 2019 9:00 AM
 Monday, January 28, 2019 10:00 AM
 Monday, January 28, 2019 11:30 AM

3. **Well at Fisher's 24:** The well is completed and the students returned to Fisher's 24 at the beginning of the second semester. We are waiting on a final test to be approved by the State of Nebraska, for the water to be cleared for drinking.

4. **2019 Strategic Planning Process:** Attached below are the areas identified by staff for improvement on the 2019 Strategic Plan. We will send one question per week seeking staff input on options for improving the identified items. See attached information below.

Staff Member/Program Spotlight: The Foundation has served the district as a supporter of scholarships, funding recognition programs, and in recent years, as a major supporter of promotion and support for district facilities. In January, the Foundation voted to serve the district as the steering committee for the bond referendum and pay for promotional materials, yard signs, etc... See the committee structure attached below.

The team consisting of the board members, architect, superintendent, and two community members will meet to short-list the Construction Manager at Risk applicants. The well is completed and the students returned to Fisher's 24 at the beginning of the second semester. We are waiting on a final test to be approved by the State of Nebraska, for the water to be cleared for drinking. 2019 Strategic Planning Process: We will send one question per week seeking staff input on options for improving the identified items.

VII.F. Board Member/Committee Reports

Foundation Report on the Foundation Webpage.

<https://www.schuylercommunityschools.org/Domain/13>

VIII. Correspondence Items

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Brian Vavricek and a second by Mynor Hernandez.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0