



Schuyler Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2010 6:30 PM
Schuyler Central High School Music Room
401 Adam Street
Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Attendance Taken at 6:41 PM.

Richard Brabec: Present
Jim Mejstrik: Present
Chuck Misek: Present
Mr. Clint Parr: Present
Virginia Semerad: Present
Larry Wennekamp: Present

Present: 6.

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

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The meeting was called to order by president Wennekamp at 6:42 PM. Members present were Wennekamp, Brabec, Mejstrik, Misek, Parr, Semerad and student representative Cesar Gonzalez. Others present were Superintendent Stevens, Director of K-8 Education DeBlauw, Assistant Principal Cunningham, Principals' of the SES and SMS, Grammer, Comley and Vrba, Activity Administrator Egr, Director of Facilities, Ron Mundil and Principal of the S.C.S. rural attendance centers and Curriculum Administrator, David 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. President Wennekamp 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

Superintendent Stevens brought the board's attention to three bills over the \$5000 limit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Jim Mejstrik.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejsrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

II.A. Agenda

II.B. Minutes

II.C. Acceptance of Claims

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

III.B. NeighborWorks/Economic Development update

Roger Nadrchal, representing NeighborWorks and Kem Cavanah, representing Schuyler Economic Development were in attendance. Mr. Nadrchal stated that NeighborWorks is a non-profit agency providing housing for families meeting income guidelines. NeighborWorks and the Schuyler Economic Development work together to develop housing in Schuyler for families that might not be able to purchase a home using traditional financing. The SCHS construction class has partnered with NeighborWorks during the 2009-2010 school year; the class providing the labor for a new construction. Plans are for the SCHS construction class to work on another new construction in 2010-2011.

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

III.D. Student Representative's Report

IV. Board Requests/Reports

Superintendent Stevens has been in contact with the Colfax County Assessor regarding State Financial Aid for the 2010-2011 school year. They discussed preliminary valuation increases; though actual valuations will not be done until August 2010.

IV.A. Americanism

IV.B. Budget

IV.B.1. State Aid update

IV.B.2. Property Valuation - update

IV.C. Building and Grounds

Discussion on the items CSI still needs to complete at SES included items completed and items still under warranty. The board would like SCS legal counsel to contact CSI for a clear definition of remaining warranties.

IV.C.1. SES update - CSI

IV.D. Curriculum

IV.E. Negotiations

SEA representatives were present to address interpretation of wording contained in the Emergency Medical Leave Bank for certified staff. The negotiations committee will consider the matter.

IV.E.1. Presentation by SEA representatives

IV.F. Planning

Principal Gibbons, representing the calendar committee stated that the 2010-2011 calendar is nearly complete with only two dates in November and April needing to be finalized.

IV.F.1. Calendar update

IV.F.2. Early Childhood Education - CNCS Partnering

Extensive discussion took place regarding the partnering of SCS with CNCS (Central Nebraska Community Services) to construct a new facility for Preschool/Headstart/Early Headstart. The proposed location is property owned by SCS recently appraised at \$105,850. Superintendent Stevens explained the details of a potential lease agreement and potential purchase agreement between SCS and CNCS prepared by legal counsel. Preschool teachers made a point that there are many special-needs three-year-olds and other four-year-olds that cannot currently be served due to limited space in their facility.

IV.F.3. Study session agenda - March 23rd

The planning committee will meet on March 23 to discuss curriculum, unity, and facilities.

IV.G. Policy

IV.G.1. Kitchen use

The policy committee will address the use of the kitchens at SCS by outside groups.

IV.H. Public Relations

IV.I. Foundation

IV.I.1. Fundraiser - Anytime Fitness program

“Anytime Fitness” has made an offer to SCS; during the month of March a donation of 50% of sign-up fees will be donated back to SCS to help purchase new lunchroom tables at SES.

V. Action Items

V.A. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on bills of \$5,000 or more

Motion to approve all bills (list attached) that are \$5,000 or more with the exception of regular monthly bills Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Jim Mejsstrik.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejsstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V.B. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on Middle School Industrial Technology position

Motion to hire Shane Haley - middle school industrial technology teacher - for the 2010-2011 school year Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Jim Mejsstrik.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejsstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
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V.C. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on Middle School Family and Consumer Science

Motion to hire Jenny Wagner - middle school Family and Consumer Science teacher - for the 2010-2011 school year Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Richard Brabec.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejsstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea, Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
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V.D. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on Middle School Assistant Principal/Activities Administrator

Motion to hire Jason Cline - Middle School Assistant Principal/Activities Administrator - for the 2010-2011 school year Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Richard Brabec.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
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V.E. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on purchase agreement to sell land to CNCS
Motion to sell property to CNCS for the appraised value of \$108,850. Passed with a motion by Jim Mejstrik and a second by Chuck Misek.

Richard Brabec: Yea, Jim Mejstrik: Yea, Chuck Misek: Yea, Mr. Clint Parr: Yea,
Virginia Semerad: Yea, Larry Wennekamp: Yea
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V.F. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on lease agreement for the purpose of renting space from CNCS

Motion to take action on a lease agreement for the purpose of renting space from CNCS. Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Jim Mejstrik.

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V.G. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on expanding SCS early childhood partnership with CNCS

Motion to take action on expanding the SCS Early Childhood Partnership with CNCS. Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Virginia Semerad.

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V.H. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on awarding the track resurfacing contract to Midwest Track and Tennis for \$47,215

Motion to approve the track resurfacing contract to Midwest Track and Tennis. Passed with a motion by Mr. Clint Parr and a second by Jim Mejstrik.

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VI. Administrative and Other Reports

VI.A. Operating Council Report(s)

VI.B. PreK-8 Director of Education Report

VI.C. High School Principal Report

Principal Baumert reported that three staff members would be recommended for tenure: Andrew Malcolm, Ryan Schroeder, and Michael Trausch. Eighth grade visitation was held on March 10 with presentations given on elective course offerings. Plans are to have summer school during June for credit recovery and Title I reading and math.

VI.C.1. Block Scheduling update

VI.D. Grades 9-12 Assistant Principal's Report

VI.D.1. Cell phone survey

Assistant principal Cunningham shared results of a student survey on cell phone ownership to be used for a revision of the cell-phone policy.

VI.E. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment and Pk-8 Rural School Report

VI.F. Activities Administrator Report

Activity Administrator Egr reported that 127 students are out for spring sports. The SCHS musical, "Seussical" will be presented this weekend.

VI.G. Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Facilities Director Mundil reported that new shingles and siding for Fischers #24 would be replaced due to hail damage.

VI.H. Grades k-3 Principal's Report - Darli Vrba

VI.I. Grades k-3 Principal's Report - Bill Comley

VI.J. Grades 4-8 Principal's Report

VI.K. Superintendent's Report

VI.K.1. Tenured staff

VI.K.2. Option update

The deadline for students to transfer or option to or from the district is March 15, 2010.

VI.K.3. Retirement

Superintendent Stevens reported that he received letters of resignation or retirement from Vicky Mefford, Jill Hansen, and Lynette Stevens.

VI.K.4. Water update - 4R and Fisher's 24

Water treatment and testing continues at 504R and Fishers #24.

VII. Correspondence Items

Correspondence was received from Carol Vogel expressing her appreciation for SCS sending her to the statewide reading conference.

VII.A. Carol Vogel - reading conference thank-you

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