

Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 16, 2011, Schuyler Central High School Media Center

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM. All board members were present. Others present included Principals Baumert, Comley, Vrba, Grammer; Assistant Principals Cunningham and Cline; Activity Administrator Egr; Technology Coordinator Droge; Curriculum Administrator Gibbons; Director of Facilities Mundil, and Superintendent Stevens. This meeting was moved to the afternoon due to the SCHS playing in the State soccer finals.

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Jedlicka declared the meeting was preceded by advance notice and declared to be an open session.

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Parr; second, Semerad. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the bills of \$5,000 or more by Brabec, second, Misek. Motion passed.

Shirley Kroenke and Paula Mares were present to be recognized. Mrs. Kroenke was voted "Teacher of the Year" and Ms. Mares was voted "Support Staff Member of the Year."

Mr. Stevens administered the Nebraska Public Official Bonding oath to board treasurer, Chuck Misek.

BUDGET -

Plans are to replace some laptop computers in SMS, SES, 504R, and SCS preschool for the 2011-2012 school year for the amount of \$98,319. Seventy laptops were purchased for district use four years ago. Laptop computers belonging to teachers will be re-imaged and put into use as student computers. The additional student computers will be helpful during NeSa testing.

Motion to approve the purchasing of teacher laptops for SES, SMS, 4R and Preschool made by Vavricek; second, Jedlicka. Motion passed.

Motion by Jedlicka to purchase 20 computers and a portable computer cart for the Industrial Technology department; second, Brabec.

Discussion:

A request was made from the technology department for twenty new laptop computers (and a computer cart) for the amount of \$31,395 to replace twenty desktop computers. The laptop computers would contain more memory to meet the software requirements of the new CAD programs.

Motion Failed: Voting yes were Jedlicka, Parr, and Vavricek, voting no were Brabec, Misek, and Semerad.

Motion Passed: Motion by Misek to approve the Reading 180 instructional materials for the 6th grade class at Schuyler Middle School; second, Vavricek. Motion passed.

Discussion:

Currently Reading Mastery is taught in the 6th grade and Reading 180 is taught in 7th and 8th grades. A request was made to change reading curriculum for the 6th grade in 2011-2012 to Reading 180 for an amount of \$88,385. There is no extra charge for teacher training with the Reading 180 curriculum. If the curriculum change is not approved, teachers will need to create new curriculum for the 2011-2012 6th grade reading.

Budget Summary - All Title programs are paid for with federal dollars. We have received more than \$580,000 in federal funds, though the district budget must be created before the district knows the amount of Title dollars to be received. A board member made a point that every department should strive to cut 10% from their individual budget and questioned whether a four-year computer replacement rotation could be stretched to a five-year-rotation? Mr. Gibbons noted that in three years all 4th graders would be required to take all state-standards testing online. Also brought up was the fact that the budgeted amount for substitute food service workers has been exceeded this year. All board members were asked to get involved in the expenditure reduction by sharing ideas before the September board meeting, when budget cuts will be made.

BUILDING & GROUNDS -

John Bierman was present representing Bierman Contracting, Inc. He addressed questions about the new addition at SES including reinforcement of casting beds and acoustic properties of one inch and two-inch acoustic panels.

Motion by Vavricek and seconded by Brabec to amend the motion from: "Motion to approve a contract with Bierman Contracting, Inc. for the building of the addition to Schuyler Elementary School. This bid shall consist of the following items: Base Bid \$3,828,000-A-1 6" reinforced casting beds - \$7,700-A-2 Gym acoustical panels - \$4,700-A-3 Add 2 classrooms - \$93,100 Total - \$3,933,500 " to: "Motion to approve a contract with Bierman Contracting, Inc. for the building of the addition to Schuyler Elementary School. This bid shall consist of the following items: Base Bid \$3,828,000 and option A-3 - Add 2 classrooms - \$93,100. Motion passed.

Motion Passed: Motion by Parr; second Vavricek to approve a contract with Bierman Contracting, Inc. for the building of the addition to Schuyler Elementary School. -A-3 Add 2 classrooms - \$93,100. Motion passed.

Motion Brabec; second, Jedlicka to approve the remodeling of the Industrial Technology classroom for a cost of \$5217.05. Motion passed.

NEGOTIATIONS -

The negotiations committee met with members of the certificated bargaining unit. On Wednesday, May 18 the negotiations committee will make their presentation to the certificated committee.

POLICY -

Motion Passed: Motion by Vavricek; second, Misek to approve the final reading of the social networking policy for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion passed.

The budget and policy committees will meet to further discuss the ERIP policy.

REPORTS -

Student representative Cesar Gonzalez reported that the back-to-school dance would be August 9 from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

Principal Baumert reported that summer schools would be taking place during the month of June. Summer schools that are being offered are as follows: Title I reading, Title I math, OdysseyWare Credit Recovery, OdysseyWare Gifted, and keyboarding.

Assistant Principal Cunningham will present all student-parent handbooks for approval by the board at the June meeting.

Mr. Gibbons reported on the District Accreditation from AdvancED - the cost per school would be \$550.00. Since Richland District 1, Fishers 24, and 504R schools are smaller and all have the same administration, they will be counted as one entity resulting in a total cost for accreditation of \$2200.00. The U.S. Department of Education visited SCS to monitor the use of Title III funds.

Mr. Stevens reported that SMS and SES did not meet AYP for the 2009-2010 school year. The scores for 2010-2011 will not be available until October of 2011. The NDE is in the process of evaluating statewide test scores.

Activity Administrator Egr shared that the NSAA passed new weight classes for wrestling. (April 26, 2011). These are the most significant changes in weight classes in high school wrestling in 23 years and will take place in the 2011-12 season. Clarkson Public Schools has signed a two-year softball co-op agreement. Victor Cruz and Jonathan Lara have been invited to participate in the Shrine Bowl.

Mr. Mundil reported that state regulations require our school system to have an annual inspection of all fire extinguishers in the school building and in school vehicles by certified inspectors. In 2009 Heartland Fire Protection was awarded the three-year contract. A three-year contract with Waste Connections was signed for sanitation service in the district.

Principals Comley and Vrba reported that preschool enrollment is currently at 63. SCS preschool will hold their final day of classes on May 17th, followed by home visits to all the children's houses. Schuyler Elementary School will have their last day of classes on May 18th.

Principal Grammer reported that all open positions at SMS have been filled. Mr. Grammer, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Droge attended the annual Data Conference held in Kearney in April; this conference focused on how to utilize collected data.

Assistant principal Cline shared that Schuyler Middle School raised over \$800 in pennies to help the victims of the Japan earthquake.

Mr. Stevens included a tribute to Linda Baumert, first grade teacher at SES, who passed away.

Motion by Brabec; seconded by Vavricek, to accept letter of resignation from the following staff members: Ruby Perez, Cherrie Cummings, Beth Alt, Kevin Behrens, Michael Trausch, Seth

McClain, Jordan Heintzleman, Tatiana Treu, Shirley Kroenke, Mollie Kriz, Suzy Kluthe, Rebecca Geiger, Jana Hall, Jon Knutson (volleyball coach only.) Motion passed.

In 1997 the City of Schuyler purchased equipment for the communications class to record school board and city council meetings. The local cable TV company agreed to broadcast these meetings on channel 99. Presently, a communications class is not being offered. A suggestion was made that either the class shall be offered at SCHS or channel 99 will be discontinued.

Motion to adjourn at 3:35 PM passed with a motion by Jedlicka and a second by Parr.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathie Marking,
Recording secretary