

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2010 06:30PM  
Schuyler Central High School Media Center

Board Members Present:

Richard Brabec  
Jim Mejstrik  
Chuck Misek  
Clint Parr  
Larry Wennekamp  
Virginia Semerad at: 6:40 PM

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion, Parr; second, Mejstrik to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

All visitors were welcomed by President Wennekamp. Administration members present were Stevens, Gibbons, Comley, Baumert, Vrba., Cunningham, Grammer, and Cline.

Others present were Student Council Representative to the Board, Cesar Gonzalez, Jeff Droge, Jayne Hlavac, Ron Mundil, Dallas Sweet, Brian Vavricek, and Lumir Jedlicka, Jr.

Jack Pekny and Adam Elm from Pekny and Associates presented the 2009-2010 audit. Points they made included that it was a "clean" audit and all funds were within budget. Suggestions regarding security of signature stamps, segregation of duties, and publishing procedures were also made.

Jayne Hlavac spoke on the 2012 European Tour that is being planned. This tour will include the countries of Spain, Portugal, and Morocco. The cost for this tour will be approximately \$3000, with no school funding being used. The group will hold fundraisers to defer some of the cost. She has been coordinating tours for the past eight years.

Student representative Gonzalez reported that fifteen students attended State Student Council in Macy, NE with 1100 total students representing all participating schools. The lunch committee met to discuss student requests.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Motion, Brabec; second, Semerad to accept the 2009-2010 audit as presented. Motion passed.

Motion, Brabec; second, Wennekamp to: 1. Determine to initiate consideration of a capital construction project for additions and renovations to the Schuyler Elementary School building.

2. Determine to retain the services of a design firm to prepare basic floor plans and schematic design for the Project, and assist the School District in presentation of information regarding the proposed Project to the public, and possible retention to provide design and construction administration service, and hereby direct the Superintendent of Schools and selected school district legal counsel to initiate and carry out all actions necessary to retain the services of a design firm to

such services.

Voting aye were Wennekamp, Brabec, Mejstrik, Parr, and Semerad; voting no was Misek.

Motion, Parr, second, Mejstrik to hire Kayla Biernbaum as a 6th grade teacher for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Motion passed.

## BOARD REQUESTS/REPORTS

Director of Facilities Mundil has collected bids to replace roofs in the district with emphasis on the SMS roof. A date will be set to meet with the building and grounds committee to finalize plans to move forward on this project.

The QSCB funds for renovations and construction at SCS have been received and are being held in the Nebraska Liquid Assets Fund.

The process to update the district's wireless infrastructure will include an E-Rate application in an attempt to secure partial funding. If the application would be approved the total cost to the district could be reduced by 50%. Any action on the upgrade would not be taken until July 2011.

Superintendent Stevens will contact Jerry McCall, a long-term facilities planner to request specifics on what he could do for our district regarding cost, length of service contract, areas of his expertise, and ability to lead a discussion group.

### High School Principal Report

Avenue banners have been received and mounted at all schools in the district. Curriculum meetings have been completed and a date is requested to meet with the curriculum committee of the Board to discuss the course offerings and changes. A review of the components of block scheduling will take place on November 16 during teachers' plan time.

### Grades 9-12 Assistant Principal's Report

Student Council members attending State Student Council included three seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and nine freshman.

### Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

We are waiting for the scores from our Terra Nova tests given to second through eighth graders and the PLAN test given to sophomores. When scores are received, teachers will be asked to analyze where students are having difficulties and adjust their instruction to meet the needs of their students. This will help prepare students for the NeSA statewide assessments.

### Director of Facilities/Transportation Report

Three mature trees were removed from the east side of SCHS and moved to the west side of SES. The trees were scheduled for removal due to the renovation of the east entrance at SCHS. The water quality at District 504R is in compliance with DHHS standards. Water quality will continue to be monitored, but, chlorination will cease.

### Grades k-3 Principal's Report

Traffic patterns around SES were observed by the NDOR; their recommendations have not been received yet.

### Grades 4-8 Principal's Report

Twenty-three applications have been received for the position at the new Schuyler Community Resource Center. Applications will not be accepted after Thanksgiving; interviews will be set up soon after.

### Superintendent's Report

Evaluation forms for the superintendent's annual evaluation were handed out to Board members. Also included will be a portfolio detailing district goals and the superintendent's job description. December 6 will be the deadline to return the completed evaluations to President Wennkamp. Board member Brabec and newly-elected Board members Vavricek and Jedlicka will attend the NASB/NASA State Convention. In the past month, four students optioned into the district and two optioned out. Board members were reminded to return their "snapshot surveys" as soon as possible to the superintendent. These surveys should include board members' opinions regarding strengths and weaknesses of the district and concerns for future development. A request was made for all Board members to tour all schools in the district in the near future. A request was received from LuAnn Bender to adjust the request she made from the EMLB (Emergency Medical Leave Bank.)

Motion Mejstrik, second, Semerad to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.