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From The Superintendent - Todd Porter

It has been a productive and busy summer at Southwest Public Schools. It is my hope that you have had a productive and positive summer, as well. Many of you have been busy with kids' camps, summer jobs, vacations and I hope for many of our children their learning has continued throughout the summer. I'm sure it will feel strange to begin school without our last group of graduating seniors, but of course they are off to new adventures and beginning the next stage of life. That's what we want to do, prepare them to do just that. For this year's senior class, the clock is ticking ladies and gentlemen, so make the most of it!

My goal for this school year is to make a significant jump forward academically with instructional focus and technology integration. The opportunity to increase learning has never been greater and as instructors

and parents we need to direct our children to take advantage of the opportunities they have. The mission is simple: more focus, more learning, less interruptions, higher expectations. We want a standard of determined, committed teachers and students that are looking toward successful futures for all of our students. We need parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles; all caregivers that touch our students' lives to be on-board with this level of focus. We can have no exceptions for doing the very best we can and not allow distractions to get in the way of learning - inside and outside of the classroom. A good education is the key to our children's future and we all should play a positive role in that process.

We have several projects underway with our restroom renovation at the elementary school along with the installation of some new heating/air conditioning units. At the 7-12 building we are preparing for the integration of a one-to-one laptop initiative that will give our students the very latest in educational skill building equipment. Students will need to be assimilated to a whole new level of responsibility with their new equipment and we all must make sure they are properly monitored and supervised. Let's make sure students are smart, mature and socially responsible media/technology users.

Welcome back to the 2014-2015 school year. It is wonderful to have the support of patrons from all of our communities.

Welcome Back!

The first day of school is August 18th.

Elementary 8:00 - 3:30 PM

Jr. & High School 8:00 - 3:40 PM

Special points of interest:

- Aug. 7 - Parent Sports Meeting in Bartley @ 6:00 PM
- Aug. 11 - School Board Meeting in Indianola @ 7:30 PM
- Aug. 14 & 15 - Teacher In-service
- Aug. 15 - Elementary Meet and Greet Night 6:30—7:30 PM
- Aug. 18 - First Day of School

High School Notes - Mr. Springer

The summer has been very busy with all of the changes, as we work toward opening the JR/SR High School building. There is a lot of accommodations that teachers and staff will be making to help get through the first few weeks of school. This year the students will be introduced to the world of technology in the class room with the aid of one to one computers for the high school. This will be a great advantage for our students as we prepare them for their life after high school. As with anything new there are always growing pains. With the staff and students all on board we hope it is a

smooth transition.

There is a very positive feeling around the school as we begin the 2014-15 school year. We hope to build on that as the kids get settled into their classes. The big excitement for students is the idea of being the first group to have computers.

Communication is a great tool that makes any job easier. This is especially true in the area of education. All of our staff members have email and are willing to communicate in any way that is helpful if you find your child struggling. It is very difficult for staff

at the school to answer phone calls during the day as they are working with students. I would encourage you, however, to call and leave a message. They can get back in touch with you as soon as time permits. It is very important as a parent that you are involved in your child's education. One way to do that is to sign up for the online parent option to their grades and attendance.

Please feel free to stop by the school if you have questions or concerns. By working together, we can create a great learning environment for our students.

Southwest Music - Mrs. Roggenkamp

We are gearing up for an exciting year in band! Mrs. Roggenkamp will be team-teaching band this year with Mr. Mark Wilson. We have been working together and we already have some parades scheduled. Here's what we're planning:

We will start by having a band camp the week of August 4th, getting ready for the Old Settlers Parade. Only Jr. High students will practice on Monday and Tuesday; the high school students will join

them Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We plan on learning marching songs and working on marching fundamentals during the camp. We will be ready and excited to perform in the parade on Saturday the 9th!

We will be traveling to the State Fair on Saturday, August 23rd, to march around the fair. Our marching time is 1:15, so if you're there, be sure to catch for us. On September 27th, we plan on

marching in the Heritage Days Parade in McCook.

If you can be at any of our parade performances, be sure to cheer us on. We are planning on having a lot of fun and do a lot of learning this year!

News and Revisions to the 2014-2015 Calendar

Please use the calendar included in this newsletter as a guide for the entire year. The most current version will be posted on the website along with more information concerning school events and activities. We will also use the website to highlight great accomplishments of our students and staff and updates on the projects going on at school. If you have a Google Account, the school calendar can be added from our website.

Southwest School Lunch

Lunch prices were evaluated this summer in accordance with the Equity in School Lunch Pricing Guideline established by the federal government. In order for Southwest to meet the regulation, the lunch will increase slightly for the 2014-2015 school year. Our breakfast and lunch program meets all state and federal regulations, and the majority of students participate on a daily basis. The breakfast and lunch prices for the 2014-2015 school year were set at the July school board meeting at the following:

Breakfast (PK-6) \$1.55; Lunch (PK-6) \$2.45; (7-12) \$3.05; and (Adults) \$3.35

The reduced price for lunch will be \$0.40 for families who qualify and \$0.30 for breakfast (set by the state). Milk price remains \$0.30.

Money for school lunches may be sent in at any time and your account will be credited. If you have questions about your account balance, they can be directed to Nanci at (855) 364-2067 or (308) 364-2613 or Natalie at (308) 692-3223 or (855) 692-3172. Parents and guardians are reminded that all breakfast, lunch, and milk purchases must be prepaid with no family allowed to have a zero or negative account balance. Also, any student who has a lunch account with a balance below \$30.00 will be sent a low balance reminder call from the school on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH. As you may know the more students we have qualify for free and reduced lunch, the easier it is to qualify for state and federal grants. **PLEASE SEND IT WITH YOUR CHILD on the first day of school or DROP IT OFF IN THE OFFICE.**

Elementary News - Mrs. Latta

It's finally here! The beginning of a new school year! I know it seems that summer has gone by too quickly for most of you, but I'm anxious to get started on our 2014-2015 school year. You see, my favorite part of being a principal is getting to know the students, staff and parents and I've heard such good things about all of you at Southwest Elementary.

I invite you to come visit our school any time. Just check in with Mrs. Stritt at the office and we

will do our best to meet your needs, whether it means visiting with me or a teacher about any concerns you have about your student, or a tour of our lovely facility. As of this writing, progress is being made on the remodeling of the main restrooms. The gym floor is shining with a new sealant. And our classrooms are sparkling thanks to the efforts of our hard-working custodian, Barb Stockhaus.

Academics are an important part of every school. Our students will be working very hard this year to meet all the expectations of their teachers and others responsible for educating our youth. However, we will also be developing good character skills like respect, responsibility, kindness, honesty and cooperation in our classrooms, lunchroom, and on the playground. There is so much to learn and do. Let's get started!

Fall Sports Parent Meeting

Thursday, August 7th, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Southwest High School

Vision Test Requirements

Students entering school for the first time, including kindergarteners and transfer students from out of state, will be required to provide proof of a vision evaluation taken within six months prior to the student's entrance. A certificate or form stating results of the evaluation must be signed by an optometrist, physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.

According to the Nebraska Foundation for Children's Vision, statistics show that 80% or more of all learning during a child's first 12 years depends on vision, yet one of every five children entering kindergarten has an undetected vision disorder significant enough to impact the child's ability to learn. The Foundation notes that symptoms of vision problems often are not evident to parents or educators at early ages and young children often cannot self-identify abnormal conditions.

Typical vision screenings test only for distance vision and are not designed to assess many of the common vision disorders in young children. The new state law will now help assure that more students get a broader assessment of conditions that could adversely impact their learning ability. Forms can be obtained from the school offices.

ACTIVITY TICKETS

Activity tickets are on sale now. They are good for free admittance to all home school activities with the exception of tournaments, and district or state contests.

The cost will be:

- \$20 for a student pass
- \$45 for an adult pass
- \$85 for a family pass

They may be purchased at any home athletic event, or by contacting the High School office at 308-692-3223 or 855-692-3172 (toll free).

Without a pass, admission prices for games are set at:

- \$3.00 for students
- \$4.00 for adults

PLEASE LABEL

STUDENTS' CLOTHING

Each year we have a number of items that are unclaimed. It is easy for students to misplace their jackets, PE shoes, and other equipment brought to school.

PLEASE USE PERMANENT MARKERS AND PUT YOUR CHILDREN'S NAMES ON ALL ARTICLES BEFORE THEY TAKE THEM TO SCHOOL.

It will make it much easier to return lost items to their rightful owners.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lunch Balances Can Be Checked on the Infinite Campus Portal. All you need to do is log on to the portal the same way you check your students grades. Once you are logged in, there is a tab on the left side of the screen labeled **food service**. When you click on this tab it will immediately bring up the amount that is left in your students account at that time. If you have any trouble viewing this information feel free to call Natalie at the High School Office at 308-692-3223.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Parents will have the opportunity to purchase a student accident policy if they so desire. Your child will receive a brochure from Student Assurance Services, Inc. the first day of school. If you are interested please read over the coverage carefully and send the form with the premium enclosed, back to school with your child. **THE SCHOOL IS NOT THE AGENT.** All claims must be filed directly with the company as outlined in the brochure

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The school lunch and breakfast program for Southwest Schools is a computerized system. Each student is issued a four digit number that the student will keep year after year. Lunches are deducted from the family account and can be paid for at any of the school offices.

Letters concerning the lunch program have been mailed out. Please fill out these forms and return them to the school ASAP. If you need help filling out your form or additional information please contact the office at 308-364-2613. We will be happy to assist you.

Southwest Public Schools encourages patrons to apply for free or reduced hot lunches. Local patrons do not directly subsidize the free and reduced price meal program. The school receives more payment from the federal government than is charged for the hot lunches. Free and reduced lunch counts are a major factor in determining state aid to our school, as well as what funds are available for our Title I program. All applications for free or reduced price hot lunches are kept confidential.

LUNCH PRICES FOR 2014-2015 will be as follows:

- BREAKFAST – Elementary – (PreK-6) \$1.55
- LUNCH
 - Elementary (PreK-6) - \$2.45
 - Jr. and Sr. High School (7-12) - \$3.05
 - Adults - \$3.35

One milk is included with the meal, but an additional milk may be purchased for an extra \$.30 cents, even for free and reduced families.

ALL LUNCH PROGRAM ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

No Breakfast/Lunch Charges to be Allowed

The Southwest Board of Education approved and authorized the administration to no longer allow families to charge lunch/breakfast/milk purchases. All purchases must be prepaid, with no family being allowed to have a zero or negative account balance. In no case will students be allowed to charge meals. Money may be sent in at any time and your account will be credited. You may also ask for a report of your account balance at any time by calling Nanci Stritt at the elementary school (308) 364-2613, as all accounts are stored on the district's computer at the elementary building.

Breakfast at the elementary will be served beginning at 7:30 a.m. each day. Students that walk or are dropped off early and plan to eat breakfast should do so when they arrive or NO LATER than 8:00 a.m. Students that ride the bus will have the opportunity to have breakfast or milk after their bus arrives.

LABELS and BOX TOPS

Our school continues to participate in the fund-raising program by collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's product labels. We also collect Schmick's cash register receipts. We are now collecting Our Family Labels as well. Please bring any labels you collect to the school office. Thank you for your help!

Sports Physicals must be completed BEFORE the start of practice for both Jr. High and Senior high students. The first day of practice is August 11th. Physical forms can be picked up at either school office.

HANDICAPPED CHILD FIND

Public Law 94-142 and Rules 51 and 54 mandate that a free, appropriate public education is available for each handicapped child age 0-21.

Handicapped children are those defined as handicapped physically, visually, speech, orthopedically, medically, specific learning disabled, behavioral, multi-handicapped, home or hospital bound and whose handicap requires special services or education. If you know of any child in our district who meets any of the above criteria and is not presently being served, please contact Superintendent Todd Porter at 692-3223 or toll free at 855-692-3172.

ASBESTOS

Current Federal regulations require all schools inventory asbestos containing materials (ACM) and develop a management plan to identify and control ACM in their buildings. Under the law, we must maintain an asbestos management plan for the school and assign a designated asbestos coordinator to ensure no asbestos is introduced into the school. This plan is available for inspection in the school during regular school hours.

The presence of asbestos in a building does not mean that the health of building occupants is necessarily endangered. As long as asbestos-containing material (ACM) remains in good condition and is not disturbed, exposure is unlikely. When building maintenance, repair, renovation or other activities disturb ACM, or it is damaged, asbestos fibers are released creating a potential hazard to building occupants.

We will continue to insure that a healthy, safe school environment is maintained. Any inquiries may be directed to The Snyder Engineering Company, Inc., the designated asbestos coordinator, telephone number is 402-563-2236.

Notice Of Non-Discrimination

Southwest Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

R. Todd Porter, Superintendent,
900 Coke Street, PO Box 187
Bartley, Nebraska 69020-0187
Phone: (308) 692-3223

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481

School Physicals

Nebraska State Law requires that all Kindergarten, seventh graders, and students transferring from another state to Nebraska (in all grades) must have physical examinations by a doctor before school starts, or they must have a waiver signed by their parents asking that their child be excluded from this requirement. A physical examination form is available in either school office for anyone who needs one.

Athletic physicals are required for all students, grades 7-12, who will participate in organized sports throughout the year. The physical form must be turned in to the office before students may participate in any sport. The athletic physical examination form will count for the state required form FOR STUDENTS NEW TO NEBRASKA AND SEVENTH GRADERS, but it will not count for students entering Kindergarten

Family and Adult Passes for Home Events

The cost of athletic passes for the 2013-2014 school year which will cover the cost of admission at school-sponsored home athletic events will be as follows:

Student - \$20.00, Adult - \$45.00, and Family \$85.00

Passes will be sold at all home games, available by calling (308) 692-3223 or (855) 692-3172 toll free, or by visiting the high school office in Bartley. If you would like passes made before an event please call and we can get them printed and you can pick them up and pay for them at the gate. As a reminder, these passes are not valid at tournaments, conference, district, and state sporting events or non-athletic home events.

Senior citizen passes are also available for those who are at least 65 years-old. If you currently have a senior citizen pass you will **NOT** need a new one for the upcoming school year unless you have broke or lost your pass. Passes are printed on a hard plastic card and will be required at the gate.

FFA NEWS - Mr. Roggenkamp

The Southwest FFA chapter will be serving a meal at the Melodrama Performance August 8th, 2014. The meal will start at 5:30 PM and conclude with the start of the Southwest Schools Foundation Melodrama Performance at 7:30 PM. The meal will be "free will" offering and all are invited to attend. Funds raised will be used to cover costs of the trips the chapter takes to the State Fair and Husker Harvest Days.

The "FFA Brigade" is being called to action for the Old Settlers Parade August 9th in Indianola. All FFA members are invited to bring a tractor, four-wheeler, lawn mower, or bicycle to enter into the brigade. Members will meet two blocks north of the swimming pool by 9:30 AM to enter the parade. Decorate your machine with signs or streamers!!!

The State FFA Dairy Judging contest will be held August 23rd at the State Fair Grounds in Grand Island. If any FFA member is interested in participating, please contact Mr. Roggenkamp prior to August 10th to enter. This is a National FFA qualifying event. The top team at the state fair gets to compete at National FFA Convention!

Southwest FFA will be having its annual state fair trip on Saturday, August 23rd. All FFA members will be able to attend the State Fair by signing up the first day of school with Mr. Roggenkamp. Trip details will be made available on the first day of school. All members should consider attending the largest celebration of agriculture in Nebraska!

MEMBERSHIP! To be a FFA member in the National, State, and Local FFA chapters, a student must be enrolled in an agricultural education course. This is a rule for all members of the National FFA Organization. Any and all students enrolled in an agriculture education course for 2014-2015 are invited to be a member for the upcoming school year and become involved in the many activities the chapter does.

Pres- Asic Helberg, VP- Brenton Ellis, Sec- Erin Greenlee, TR- Brian Riley, Rep- Olivia Pollmann, Sent- Austin Minard. Advisor – Les Roggenkamp.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Nebraska State law requires students entering school for the first time, or transferring from out of state, to present certified copies of their birth certificates (the copy from the hospital DOES NOT meet this requirement). The official form bears the raised seal from the state and is issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Lincoln. The form for requesting a birth certificate can be obtained at the County Clerk's office, the school office, or you may write to: Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Department of Health, PO Box 95007, Lincoln NE 68509-5007. You may also access a copy on the internet by going to web site www.hhs.state.ne.us/ced/nevrinfo.htm. There is a fee charged for this service. Other reliable proof of a child's age and identity accompanied by a notarized affidavit explaining the inability to produce a certified copy of the birth certificate may be used in lieu of a birth certificate

SCHOOL PERMITS

Upon reaching the age of 14, students may qualify for school permits if they live 1.5 miles or more from school. Parents and students should be aware of the following Nebraska regulations that govern these permits.

- The student may drive to and from school via the most direct street or highway – NO SIDE TRIPS.
- A school permit is for the sole purpose of transporting such person or family member who resides with such person to attend school.
- NO OTHER PASSENGERS ARE TO BE IN THE VEHICLE.

ATTENDANCE

As we begin a new school year we would like to stress the importance of regular attendance and request your cooperation in maintaining up to date and accurate records for attendance. Parents need to notify the school by **8:30 AM** if their son or daughter is going to be gone for part or all of the school day. Please be sure to indicate when and why they will be gone, and if they are absent for medical reasons, have them return with a note from their doctor. Students are reminded that school policy requires homework to be turned in before leaving for a planned absence or activity. Organization and planning are an important part of school success, as well as future success. Parents and teachers need to work together to assure that our students develop good habits and a sense of responsibility toward their commitments.

Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	<p>4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine,</p> <p>3 doses of Polio vaccine,</p> <p>3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age,</p> <p>3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine,</p> <p>1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age,</p> <p>1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.</p> <p>4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age</p>
Students from Kindergarten through 12 th Grade, including all transfer students from outside the State of Nebraska and any foreign students	<p>3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday,</p> <p>3 doses of Polio vaccine,</p> <p>3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age.</p> <p>2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month,</p> <p>2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.</p>
Additionally, for 7 th Grade Only	1 dose of Tdap (must contain Pertussis booster)

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 2011. For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/1173.htm> (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011)
Updated 1/2012

Board of Education Meeting

Southwest Public Schools

District 179

July 14, 2014

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. on July 14, 2014 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Steve McConville, Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Steve Daffer, Principals Matt Springer and Kathy Latta, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Kevin Potthoff and Tom Sughroue.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Jolene Miller, John O'Dea, and Jason Kloepping.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to excuse absent Board Members Tom Sughroue and Kevin Potthoff. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, Daffer, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, S. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by the board-approved method of meeting notice. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Individuals attending the meeting were allowed to make comments.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the honors of Southwest wrestling camp participants during the past month.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the June 9, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Teter, S. McConville, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff and Sughroue. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve an increase of \$.25 in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2014-2015 school year. Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 lunch prices will be \$2.45 and breakfast prices will be \$1.55, and Grade 7 through Grade 12 lunch prices will be \$3.05 in accordance with the National School Lunch Program: School Food Service Account Revenue Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Ayes: S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff and Sughroue. Motion carried. Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the changes in the Articles of Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of Southwest Public Schools Foundation, Article VIII, Board of Directors, Item B. Ayes: S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the price of activity passes remain at \$20.00 for student passes, \$45.00 for adult passes, and \$85.00 for family passes for the 2014-2015 school year. Ayes: S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to adopt revised Board Policy 4039 – Employment of Classified Staff. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to adopt revised Board Policy 4046 – Internet Searches Regarding Potential Employees. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to adopt Board Policy 4058 – Confidentiality in Counseling and Guidance. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to adopt revised Board Policy 5001 – Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to adopt revised Board Policy 5004 – Option Enrollment. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to adopt revised Board Policy 5016 – Student Records. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to adopt revised Board Policy 5035 – Student Discipline. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to adopt revised Board Policy 5044 – Safe Pupil Transportation Plan. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to adopt revised Board Policy 5049 – Firearms and Weapons. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to adopt revised Board Policy 5057 – Parental Involvement in the Title I Program. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to adopt Board Policy 5065 – Early Graduation. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to adopt revised Board Policy 6024 (renumbered from Policy #6025) – Student Discipline. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to adopt revised Board Policy 6025 (renumbered from Policy #6026) – Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to adopt Board Policy 6031 – Emergency Exclusion (replacing existing Policy #6032 Emergency Exclusion Procedure). Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to adopt Board Policy 6034 – Concussion Awareness. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

New Business Action Item 19 concerning sound and projector equipment upgrades in the Junior-Senior High School Gymnasium was tabled until more quotes could be obtained.

The Board agreed to the creation of a recognition plaque for high school student's academic achievement, with criteria at the discretion of the administration.

The Board discussed teacherage repairs with the consensus for receiving quotes for window and roof replacements.

Porter informed the Board of two sites of NASB Membership Meetings in August and September, elementary restroom renovation progress, Junior-Senior High building repairs, gym floor refinishing, and progress of the maintenance staff.

Principal Springer discussed distribution of school calendars at the State Bank of Bartley and Adams Bank & Trust, thanking them for sponsoring the printing costs. The possible purchase of additional bus cameras and a bus purchase was discussed. A Back-To-School Staff-Board picnic is being planned.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughrue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Agenda for meetings will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola

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Bussing Schedule

The bus drivers will be contacting families about pickup times.

If there is anyone who didn't ride last year, who will be riding this year, please contact the school as soon as possible.



Elementary Meet & Greet Night

on August 15th from 6:30-7:30 pm

Busses will pick up students at the following times:

- Danbury Park @ 5:50
- Lebanon Park @ 6:00
- Bartley School @ 6:15
- Rest Area @ 6:15

Welcome Back!

The first day of school is August 18th.

- Elementary 8:00 - 3:30 PM
- Jr. & High School 8:00 - 3:40 PM