

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
April 13, 2015

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 13, 2015 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: John O'Dea.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Jolene Miller, Don & Donna Behnke, and Nick Brost.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by J. McConville, to excuse absent Board Member John O'Dea. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by Daffer, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Daffer, O. McConville, Baumbach, J. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. 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.

John O'Dea arrived at the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Superintendent Porter informed the Board of recent elementary, junior-high, and high school quiz bowl results, Unicameral senior government field trip, State FFA Team and Individual Contest results, art students' awards at Fort Hays State University Art Day and the McCook Community College High School Art Show, Cambridge Music Contest results of elementary and junior-high students, junior-high girls' volleyball team championship in the Bronze Division at the Ogallala Midnight Madness Volleyball Camp, individual and team results at the State FBLA Conference, and track meet results.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Daffer, Baumbach, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to renew contracts of certified staff for the 2015-2016 school year, as recommended by Superintendent Porter, with the exception of Mark Wilson. Ayes: Teter, Daffer, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by O. McConville, to accept the resignation of Mark Wilson effective at the end of the school year. President Teter thanked him for his service to the district. Ayes: O'Dea, O. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, J. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the contract of Caleb Chesterman as Grades 7-12 Language Instructor and Speech and Drama coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Ayes: Teter, Daffer, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the bids from Brooks Construction in the amount of \$2,760.00 for the removal of the asphalt elementary driveway and from Hegwood Concrete Contractors in the amount of \$23,800.00 for the elementary sidewalk project. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the quote from Cleary Building in the amount of \$9,702.00 for the replacement of an elementary storage building. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve the quote from XL Doors in the amount of \$15,033.75 to install three commercial overhead doors at the previous band classroom in Bartley to expand vehicle parking. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the quote from Yanda's to upgrade the junior-senior high school gymnasium sound system not to exceed \$13,930.00. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the quote from Video Communication System in the amount of \$3,715.00 to utilize monitors in both buildings to recognize students' achievements. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve the quote from Bernie Jones Auto LLC in the amount of \$14,469.00 to purchase a mower for the district. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter updated the Board on gym floor work to be completed this summer. Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the purchase of two junior-senior high school gymnasium banners from Kim Schilling for no more than \$1,920.00 for two Roughrider banners. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter discussed the UNL College of Education Program Input meeting, NRCSA Spring Conference topics, upcoming seminars and conferences, and bids being taken for elementary entry carpeting.

Principal Latta reported on attendance at the NRCSA Convention and Early Childhood Workshop, free Glen Miller Orchestra Concert attended by Grades 4-6, the March 26 Camp Read S'More Night with Cowboy Poet Dick Haag, results of the Elementary Quiz Bowl Team, completion of the restroom renovation, NeSa Testing, Cambridge Music Contest, and upcoming activities consisting of field trips, the State Farm Bike Rodeo, and Grade 6 Orientation at the junior-senior high building.

Principal Springer discussed the AQuESTT Conference, which will update administrators' on the new school evaluation process, upcoming activities consisting of prom, commencement, and elementary field day, and the current status of the bleacher end covers.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O. McConville. Nays: None. 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, May 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.