

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
December 12, 2016

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 12, 2016 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Ondrea McConville, Steve Daffer, John O'Dea, Duane Teter, Lynda Baumbach, Principal Kathy Latta, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Jennifer McConville.

Visitors: Jason Kloeping and Cody Gerlach.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve the board meeting agenda with the January 9, 2017 board meeting date correction. Ayes: O. McConville, O'Dea, Teter, Baumbach, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. 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.

Superintendent Porter reported that two of the stock market game teams were in 21st and 27th place out of 241 teams in the state, seven high school students were selected for the UNK Honor, Festival, and Women's Choirs, and results of the high and junior high school quiz bowl teams.

Approval of the November 14 board minutes was tabled until the January meeting since the minutes were accidentally omitted from the board packets for members' review.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by Daffer, to approve the 2015-2016 financial audit as presented by Bentley & Kisker, PC. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O. McConville, to approve Superintendent R. Todd Porter's contract for the 2016-2017 year. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Baumbach, to approve Option 3 of the quote by Crouch Recreation in the amount of \$5,550.00 to move the current elementary tire swing and replace

the swing set. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve updating the district's Mission Statement to "Providing educational opportunities that enrich lives of individuals, families and communities in the 21st Century". Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to adopt revised Board Policy 3011 - Transportation. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to approve a calendar change as the elementary school will not be session on Monday, February 6, 2017 to schedule a district-wide language arts school improvement workshop. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by Daffer, to approve the nomination of Emily Lashley to the Southwest Public Schools Foundation Board with the resignation of Buck Salas. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported on the Annual State Education Conference attended by Ondrea McConville and himself and his attendance at the Legislative Preview Conference. Representatives from Fisher Track will be on-site in December to stake out the track project dimensions. Staff have been working on the school improvement implementation and preparation for an external visit in 2017-2018. School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21, and resume on Tuesday, January 3. A teacher inservice is planned for Monday, January 2. The annual ESU 15 and 16 Board Member Workshop has been scheduled for January 25. Mr. Porter thanked Board Member Steve Daffer for his 12 years of service to the district.

Principal Latta reported on elementary attendance at "Rave On", a Buddy Holly program, courtesy of the Sherwood Foundation, the "Alice in Wonderland" ballet production, and a Native American Life experience by Robb and Mary Jo Overton. Preschool applications are due December 15, and the Christmas program is December 19. Mrs. Latta expressed her and the elementary staff' appreciation for the purchase of Chromebooks for 3rd-6th Grade students.

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, January 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, O'Dea, Baumbach, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: J. McConville. Motion carried.