

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
March 14, 2016

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on March 14, 2016 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

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

Absent: Lynda Baumbach and John O'Dea.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Don & Donna Behnke, Mary Shirkey, and Jason Kloepping.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Superintendent Porter informed the Board of the March 14 District Speech Competition in Gering and attendance of Southwest FFA officers at the Celebration for Agriculture Week with Governor Pete Ricketts, Nebraska Secretary of Agriculture Greb Ibach, and our local Senator Dan Hughes. FFA Officer Olivia Pollmann introduced the Governor to the audience at the Community Building in McCook.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, J. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach and O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the substitute teacher pay rate remain at \$100/day for the 2016-2017 school year. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, O. McConville, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. Ayes: J. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Principal Kathy Latta reported on the rating of the Department of Education preschool evaluation, which was higher than the state average. President Teter offered congratulations to the elementary staff.

John O'Dea arrived at the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to accept the corrected quote from Decker Equipment not to exceed \$7,000 for a portable gym floor cover and storage system for the junior-senior high school gym. Ayes: J. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Principal Kathy Latta discussed the structure of the elementary classrooms and staffing needs for the 2016-2017 school year. Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve hiring an elementary instructor to replace Karen Brown for the 2016-2017 school year. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the extension of five additional days to the contract of Mary Shirkey for Special Education Director duties for the 2016-2017 school year. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the contracts of Dennis Hengen and Rose Hengen for the 2016-2017 school year. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Mark Searcey of the First Central Bank of McCook informed board members on the bank's history and distributed investment information should the district require future assistance.

Mary Marsh, owner of the Indianola News, reported she sold her business to Cody Gerlach and that the final edition would be March 17.

Superintendent Porter reported on the process and dateline for the junior-senior high school gym repair project, approval of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant for elementary students for the 2016-2017 school year as they met the criteria of more than 50% free and reduced lunch applications. Superintendent Porter reported on the April 13 district administrative lunch review and the March 22 RPAC Instrumental Clinic and Concert at the junior-senior high school at 7:00 p.m.

Principal Latta reported on the 97.2% participation rate for the February 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Level IV Crisis Training for Southwest Staff Members, MAPS testing, Kindergarten Round-up, and Grades 5 and 6 Farm Safety Day at Curtis.

Principal Springer reported on District Speech Finalists, new students' transportation arrangements, Chadron State College approval for the district to host a Family and Consumer Science student teacher during the 2016-2017 first semester, and revised senior high graduation requirements.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Daffer, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. 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, April 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.