

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
April 8, 2013

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 8, 2013 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Tom Sughrue, Kevin Potthoff, Steve McConville, Steve Daffer, Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Principal Carrie Rasmussen, Superintendent Clayton Waddle, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerloch, Linda Clark, Don and Donna Behnke, Don Ellicott, Greg Wolford, and Lynn Harris.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughrue, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Sughrue, Potthoff, Teter, and S. McConville. Nays: None. 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 the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

Lynn Harris informed the Board members of the use of Rosetta Stone and the Spanish blended classrooms. She also related the use of Moodle in her distance learning College English classes, and the students' ability to take on-line quizzes and tests and their access to lesson plans and notes.

The Board was informed of a \$1,000 FFA grant and the first place finish of the elementary quiz bowl at the meet hosted by Southwest.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to approve the March 11, 2013 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughrue, Potthoff, Daffer, Teter, O. McConville, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Sughrue, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Sughrue, S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Greg Wolford of W Design Associates explained the bid process involved in the ADA elementary restroom renovation project, which has been approved by the state. Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to advertise and take bids on the elementary handicapped accessibility restroom renovation project. Ayes: O. McConville, Sughrue, Daffer, S. McConville, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to declare wrestling mats and a welder as surplus property. Ayes: Teter, S. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, O. McConville, and Sughroue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by O. McConville, to approve Payment Application #6 from EAD Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$70,397.09. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, O. McConville, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$14,047.12 to update the fire alarm system in the life skills building and gym renovation as required by the State Fire Marshall. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the purchase of a replacement heater for the gym renovation project from Rick's HTG & AC in the amount of \$1,914.00. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the resignation of Gabe Gauthier effective at the end of the school year with appreciation for his service to the district. Ayes: S. McConville, Teter, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the teaching contract of Sasha Hollingsworth for the 2013-2014 school year. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the employment of certified staff for the 2013-2014 school year as recommended by the superintendent excluding K. Brashears, C. Watt, and G. Gauthier. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, O. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Waddle discussed the Affordable Health Care Act and its effect on offering health insurance coverage to district employees, the selection of Bob Loshbaugh as the junior-senior high school guidance counselor for the 2013-2014 school year, advertising for vacant instructor positions, Rule 10 review, and a server replacement.

Principal Rasmussen reported on elementary awards, NeSA testing, installation of surveillance cameras, Title 1 Peer Review, and upcoming April events.

Mr. Potthoff thanked Superintendent Waddle for his part in recommending the county commissioners' special hearing regarding the Red Willow County Health Department and their decision to continue budgeting for this department, which is very important in providing immunizations to the students of the Southwest School District.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to go into closed session at 8:54 p.m., following a ten minute recess, to discuss recommendations given by the Board to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: O. McConville, Sughroue, Daffer, Teter, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned closed session at 8:59 p.m.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, O. McConville, and Potthoff. 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 13, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.