

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
December 10, 2012

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on December 10, 2012 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Tom Sughroue, Kevin Potthoff, Steve McConville, Steve Daffer, Duane Teter, Principals Carrie Rasmussen and Matt Springer, Superintendent Clayton Waddle, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Crinda McConville.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Kris Marotta, Linda Clark, Marcus Bish, Susan Wyatt, Don and Donna Behnke, Bernard Walz, Keri Waddle, Ondrea McConville, Jason Kloeping, and Terry Waite.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to excuse absent Board Member Crinda McConville. Ayes: Potthoff, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. Motion carried.

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

The Board was informed of awards and recognitions during the past month including outstanding actors at the RPAC and District One-Act Play Productions, FFA District XI contest results, junior high quiz bowl first place award, finalists in the Union Bank & Trust debit card design contest, and the elementary SWEAT class ranks and Top 20 elementary student lap walkers.

Marcus Bish informed the board members of his current classes' curriculum topics, and of the past, present, and future work of the eight-member School Improvement Steering Committee prior to the external visitation on February 20, 2013.

Susan Wyatt thanked the board for the excellent facilities and explained the curriculum in the Life Skills department.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the November 12, 2012 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, Daffer, Teter, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to appoint Ondrea McConville to the Southwest Public Schools Foundation Board. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, Daffer, Teter, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to approve Payment Application #2 from EAD Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$202,899.44. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve Change Order #2 with a reduction in the original contract with EAD Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$575.00. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, Potthoff, Teter, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. Motion carried.

Information concerning the coaching salaries and benefits of high school sports programs was distributed to the Board for consideration of possible coops with neighboring schools. A suggestion was made to survey current participants for possible interest in cooping possibilities. The topic was tabled, and there was no motion.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Sughroue, to enter into closed session to discuss possible litigation for the protection of public interest at 8:20 p.m. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Sughroue, Daffer, Teter, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 8:37 p.m.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to authorize President Duane Teter to approve and execute a Settlement and Release Agreement reached in *Longnecker vs. Southwest Public Schools District #73-0179*, United States District Court, District of Nebraska, Case No. 7:11-CV-03040, resulting in the dismissal with prejudice at the Plaintiff's cost of the lawsuit. Ayes: Sughroue, Daffer, Teter, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. Motion carried.

Action Item 6 was tabled until the end of the meeting.

Superintendent Waddle discussed the status of the School Improvement Steering Committee and the January 2 inservice, attendance of Ondrea McConville at a New Board Member Workshop, possible scheduling of a Board Retreat with an NASB representative on February 23, NASB Legislative Issues Conference, and the progress of the building renovation.

Principal Springer reported on the semester test schedule, installation of the auditorium camera and sound system, the RPAC and District One-Act Play Productions hosted by Southwest, five-day sports moratorium, and the Denver Art Museum field trip.

Principal Rasmussen thanked Mrs. Roggenkamp and Mrs. Brittenham for their work on a successful Christmas program, ESU #10 iPad training, K-6 science curriculum quote, and upcoming events.

Moved by Teter, seconded by S. McConville, to enter into closed session to discuss personnel to protect the needless injury to the reputation of the individual at 9:04 p.m. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 11:00 p.m. with no action being taken on Action Item 6.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 p.m.. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: C. McConville. 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, January 14, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.