

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
November 12, 2012

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 6:05 p.m. on November 12, 2012 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

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

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Don Ellicott, Peg Rice, Linda Clark, Rebecca Keenportz, Colleen Ramsay, Terry Waite, Carol Kelley, Cassa McConville, Kimberly Lord, Emily Lashley, and David and Ondrea McConville.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, Potthoff, C. McConville, 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.

The Board was informed of awards and recognitions during the past month including Haley Teter participating in the State Girls' Golf Tournament, five band students participated in the Doane Festival of Winds, and the high school volleyball coaches thanking the Southwest staff for their support during the Fall season.

Peg Rice, Cassa McConville, and Kimberly Lord reported on the recent mock election and results at the junior-senior high building by the American Government class. Emily Lashley discussed the process of compiling the results in various types of graphs using Excel software in her Consumer Math class.

Carol Kelley reported on the grades four and six radon poster contest results. The Art I classes photographed and also completed perspective drawings of the 1923 school building. High school students are also participating in the Nebraska Union Bank & Trust debit card design contest. High school students are planning a field trip to the Denver Art Museum to view seventy Van Gogh drawings and paintings on November 28.

Becki Keenportz and Colleen Ramsay reported on the kindergarten and grade six "Big Buddy Time" monthly projects at the elementary building. This project allows the students in both grades to become acquainted with each other.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the October 8, 2012 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, C. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to enter into closed session to discuss possible litigation for the protection of public interest at 6:30 p.m. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Sughroue, Daffer, C. McConville, Teter, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 7:10 p.m. with a recess until 7:30 p.m. for the Town Hall meeting.

The Town Hall informational meeting for patrons, parents, and staff was called to order at 7:37 p.m. in the auditorium. A PowerPoint presentation by Superintendent Waddle informed the public in attendance of the priority short and long term goals approved by the Board of Education. He also discussed the school improvement process and the message of Southwest Public Schools. Questions and comments by the public were also addressed. The Town Hall meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m., and the regular board meeting resumed in the library.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Sughrue, to approve Payment Application #1 from EAD Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$50,803.63. Ayes: Sughrue, S. McConville, C. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve Change Order #1 with a reduction in the original contract with EAD Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$6,958.00.. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughrue, C. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughrue, to approve the modification of the 2012-2013 calendar to cancel school for students on November 27, 2012, as the District One-Act Play will be hosted at the junior-senior high schools. Ayes: Daffer, Potthoff, S. McConville, C. McConville, Teter, and Sughrue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the 2013-2014 school calendar as presented. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughrue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by C. McConville, to approve the 2011-2012 financial audit as presented. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughrue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Waddle discussed the progress of the School Improvement Steering Committee, the possibility of refinancing the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund Bonds, auction income, the 1923 demolition and gym renovation project construction meeting, potential 2013-2014 Negotiated Agreement Addendum, and results of the school board election.

Principal Springer reported on tree replacement, monitoring of coach bus availability, possibility of on-line textbooks, hosting of the one-act district play production, and the auditorium camera projection of productions to the commons area.

A board report written by Principal Rasmussen discussed the recent Veterans' Day program, selection process of science curriculum materials, classroom events, and her recent attendance at the special education law conference.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Daffer, to enter into closed session to discuss personnel for the protection of public interest at 9:10 p.m. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: S. McConville, Sughrue, Daffer, C. McConville, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 11:15 p.m.

Moved by Sughrue, seconded by Potthoff, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, C. McConville, Sughrue, S. McConville, Teter, 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, December 10, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.