

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
October 13, 2014

Vice President Tom Sughroue called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 13, 2014 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Kevin Potthof, Tom Sughroue, Ondrea McConville, Steve Daffer, Principal Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Duane Teter and Steve McConville.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Kris Marotta, Don and Donna Behnke, Jenni McConville, and Jason Kloeping.

Vice President Sughroue observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to excuse absent Board Members Duane Teter and Steve McConville. Ayes: O. McConville, Potthoff, Sughroue, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and S. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, O. McConville, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: S. McConville and Teter. 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 Lanie Overton was selected to participate in the Sing Around Nebraska Honor Choir and eighteen junior-senior high male students have been selected to participate in the All-State Barbershop Boys' Choir.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Daffer, O. McConville, Sughroue, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and S. McConville. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

The football scoreboard agenda item was tabled until quotes could be obtained.

Duane Teter arrived at the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to approve the Plan B bid from Welding Plus to install railings on both sides of the junior-senior high school gymnasium with a possible change in design to reduce material costs, if approved by OSHA. Ayes: Sughroue, O. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Abstained: Teter. Absent: S. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Teter, to approve the ratification of Gary Newcomb as a full-time junior-senior high school custodian. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, Potthoff, Sughroue, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: S. McConville. Motion carried.

New Business Action Items 4 and 5 were tabled until after the Administrators' Reports.

Superintendent Porter reported on a January ESU board member workshop in North Platte, the adjusted valuation report, area enrollment comparison, the upcoming Legislative Round Table Forum in Kearney, and the November Annual Federal Yearly Progress Report.

Principal Springer updated the board on the delivery status of the new bus, football concession heating options, Dig Pink Cancer Awareness volleyball game, district cross country, and the selection of a high school student to National FFA Choir.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Teter, to go into closed session to discuss deployment of security personnel and the Superintendent evaluation according to Board Policy 4057 to protect the needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 8:30 p.m. Vice President Sughroue repeated the motion, and the Board voted. Ayes: Teter, Sughroue, Daffer, Potthoff, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: S. McConville. Motion carried.

Vice President Sughroue declared the end of closed session at 9:10 p.m.

No action was taken on Action Items 4 and 5 of the agenda.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Absent: S. McConville. 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, November 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.