President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:39 p.m. on August 8, 2011 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: Steve Daffer.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Don and Donna Behnke, Corey Groves, and Linda Clark.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Crinda McConville reported on the August 3 Booster Club meeting. The individual membership fee was approved at $10, and the business membership fee was approved for $25. The proceeds of the sale of hamburger meals at the August 26 football game will be donated to the Jim Sughroue family. She reminded the Board that the Southwest School Foundation will be sponsoring the melodrama production in connection with the Old Settlers Celebration on August 13 and 14.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the July 11, 2011 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, C. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Abstained: S. McConville. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the phone system bid from ATC Communications for Option 1 for $6,938.00. Option 2 and 3 were tabled until more information can be gathered. Ayes: C. McConville, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter. Nays: Sughroue and Teter. Motion carried.


The Board reviewed Board Policy 5054 - Student Bullying.


Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to revise Board Policy 5013 - Use and Dissemination of Test Results. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, Potthoff, C. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to update Board Policy 5057 - Parental Involvement in Title 1 Program. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by S. McConville, seconded by C. McConville, to approve renumbering the board policies in the 4000 Series. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by C. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to update Board Policy 4011 - FMLA with approval of President Teter after review of the policy. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to approve playground equipment, weight equipment, and other miscellaneous items to be declared as surplus property to be sold at the August 27, 2011 auction at the 4-H Building on the Red Willow County Fairgrounds in McCook, Nebraska at 10:00 a.m.  Ayes:  C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter.  Nays: None.  Motion carried.


Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve substitute teacher rates at $90 per day for the 2011-2012 school year and reapprove the long-term substitute teacher pay rate of $135 per day after ten consecutive days for the same teacher retroactive to day six.  Ayes:  C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter.  Nays: None.  Motion carried.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the enrollment option application for the child of Carla Mathery.  Ayes:  C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter.  Nays: None.  Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the enrollment option application for the children of Carolina Sanchez.  Ayes:  C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter.  Nays: None.  Motion carried.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to offer a contract to Tammie Greenlee as a daycare provider.  Ayes:  C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter.  Nays: None.  Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by C. McConville, to approve the employment of Doris Stritt as a cook.  Ayes:  C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter.  Nays: None.  Motion carried.
Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the purchase of two twelve-passenger vans for $26,500.00 each from Janssen & Sons. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to authorize Karen Haase and the law firm of Harding & Shultz to represent former Superintendent David Hendricks and Principal Matt Springer regarding the complaint filed by Marlene Mustion with the Commissioner of Education. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Waddle discussed Karen Haase’s memo, Administrators’ Days workshops, Department of Education updates, creation of the school’s website, and filled and unfilled employment positions within the district.

Principal Rasmussen reported on Administrators’ Days and thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the conference, alignment of the science curriculum standards, and the kindergarten readiness assessments.

Principal Springer reported on possible cell phone changes in the student handbooks, route and activity bus drivers, and the possibility of upcoming federal mandates regarding student transportation and the use of seatbelts.

A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the junior-senior high school to pay final bills and approve transfers for the 2010-2011 school year.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, S. 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, September 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.