Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
December 12, 2011

Vice-President Crinda McConville called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on December 12, 2011 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: Duane Teter.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Linda Clark, Bernard Walz, and Don and Donna Behnke.

Vice-President McConville observed Open Meeting Law requirements.


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

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to approve the November 14, 2011 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, C. McConville, Daffer, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Waddle presented the treasurer’s report to the Board.


Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the enrollment option applications for the child of Sandi Henry. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the enrollment option applications for the children of Susanne Shald. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.
Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to approve the enrollment option applications for the children of Stacey Armijo. Ayes:  S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the enrollment option applications for the child of Donald Ruggles. Ayes:  S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the purchase of a 2010 65 passenger Blue Bird bus and a 2013 65 passenger Blue Bird bus from Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc. in the amount of $141,068.00. Ayes:  S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to approve a contract with Egan Supply Company in the amount of $7,381.50 to refinish the district's gym floors in the Summer of 2012. Ayes:  S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.


Superintendent Waddle and Steve McConville attended the Village of Bartley Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, and reported to the Board that a joint meeting would be scheduled to discuss the junior-senior high building’s electrical rate plan. Superintendent Waddle discussed the settlement of the refunding bonds on December 15, the school attorney’s review of the district’s retirement incentive program document, and the possibility of holding a half-day teacher inservice on January 2 and another half-day inservice later in the second semester.

Principal Springer reported on the new approach and timetable for the first semester tests, the Board-Staff Christmas Social, and the volunteer assistant boys’ basketball coach, Jack Ryan.

Principal Rasmussen reported on the fourth grade recycling field trip and the kindergarten’s virtual field trip of the Henry Doorley Zoo, the Elementary Principal’s Conference, the elementary music program, and the McCook Rotary Club’s donation of picture dictionaries to the third grade students of Red Willow County.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to enter into closed session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation for the protection of public interest. Vice-President McConville repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows:  Ayes:  Daffer, C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Vice-President McConville reconvened open session at 9:06 p.m.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by C. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Ayes:  Daffer, C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. 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 9, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.