

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
November 14, 2011

Vice-President Crinda McConville called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on November 14, 2011 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

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

Absent: Duane Teter.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Bruce Leflor, and Linda Clark.

Vice-President McConville observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, 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 S. McConville, to approve the October 10, 2011 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, C. McConville, Daffer, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

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

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

Bruce Leflor of Ameritas Investment Corp. discussed the sale of the district's refunding bonds on November 10 which results in a two year reduction in the repayment schedule, a reduction of the interest rate by 2.08% and a savings of \$587,012.67 over the life of the bond.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve a resolution to authorize the redemption of the General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2007, on June 27, 2012. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to authorize issuance of General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2011. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to change the 2011-2012 school calendar to allow the elementary staff to participate in three days of in-service for Boys Town Well Managed Classroom Training on December 19, 20, and 21. There will be no school for elementary students on those dates. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to approve the completion of the concrete work and handrails at the Transition/Lifeskills Building and for accessibility between the junior-senior high school building. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Duane Teter arrived at the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the bid from Schumaker Construction for \$10,757.10 to replace the garage doors on the bus barn. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Abstain: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the bid from Sysco in the amount of \$6,095.00 for a double gas convection oven at the elementary. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consideration on the possible purchase of a school bus was tabled until the December board meeting to obtain more information from vendors.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by C. McConville, to approve Board Policies 1001 – General Policy Statement, 1003 – Mission Statement, 1004 – Distribution of Policies, 2001 – Role of the Board, 2002 – Organization of the Board, 2003 – Development of the Board of Education, 2004 – Oath of Office, 2005 – Conflict of Interest, 2006 – Complaint Procedure, 2007 Reimbursement and Miscellaneous Expenses, 2008 – Meetings, 2010 – Preparation for Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings, 2011 – Membership in Organizations, 2012 – Board Ethics, 2013 – Violation of Board Ethics, and 2014 – Relationship with School Attorney. Ayes: Sughroue, C. McConville, Daffer, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to revise Board Policy 1002 – Creation and Amendment of Board Policies as presented. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by C. McConville, to revise Board Policy 2009 – Public Participation at Board Meetings as presented. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to revise Board Policy 5004 – Option Enrollment as presented. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Waddle informed the Board of a recent meeting between the Village of Bartley, Twin Valleys Public Power District, and Nebraska Public Power District concerning efficiency and the possibility of changing the rate plan to lower power costs at the junior-senior high building. The administration approached the Board regarding a cell phone allowance instead of the school providing a phone for administrative use as recommended at the School Law Update workshop. The district will continue to provide cell phones for technology and maintenance employees.

Principal Rasmussen reported on workshops she has attended recently as well as elementary events and the anticipated increase in students for second semester. In Principal Springer's absence, Superintendent Waddle presented his report to the Board. November junior-senior high events were discussed as was the improvement in ACT test scores following the ACT prep class.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by Sughrue, to enter into closed session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation for the protection of public interest. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Daffer, C. McConville, Sughrue, Teter, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 9:34 p.m.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by C. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, C. McConville, Sughrue, 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, December 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.