

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
October 10, 2011

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. on October 10, 2011 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: None.

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

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by C. McConville, to approve the September 12, 2011 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, C. McConville, Daffer, S. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Bruce Leflor of Ameritas Investment Corp. discussed the possibility of refinancing the district's bonds to reduce the interest rates and the number of years of repayment saving the district a sizeable amount of money. Ameritas will continue to monitor interest rates over the next month to determine the feasibility of refinancing the bonds.

Moved by C. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the proposal by W Design Associates for the planning phase of remodeling the practice gym at a fee of \$5,400.00. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The enrollment option application for the child of Sandi Henry was not received prior to the board meeting, thus the agenda item was tabled.

Superintendent Waddle discussed the district's financial audit on October 3 and 4 and the presentation planned by Karen Haase on October 11. Two vans have been purchased and are being modified to meet state regulations for student use. The principals will be completing a Rule 10 compliance check, and Mr. Waddle will be completing the 2013-'14 poverty plan. Vacant employee positions and current enrollment was discussed with the board. Ten

instructors were awarded \$100 gift certificates in conjunction with Walmart's Teacher Rewards Program.

Principal Springer reported on Dennis Troester's thank-you for celebrating his 700th volleyball win, Parent-Teacher Conference participation, staff web pages, homecoming dance participation, Fall Break, RPAC volleyball tournament, Crisis Team workshop, Tri-Valley and Ag Valley health and wellness donation, ACT testing preparation workshop, and the FBI presentation on human trafficking.

Principal Rasmussen reported on elementary testing and Parent-Teacher Conference participation, Crisis Team workshop, Boys Town Training, the Bartley Fire Department fire safety presentation, and the Red Ribbon Week agenda.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to enter into closed session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss pending litigation for the protection of the public interest. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Daffer, C. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 9:13 p.m.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, 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, November 14, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.