

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
September 3, 2026

President Jason Neseth called the special budget workshop meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Derek Meyers, Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principal Mike Tines, Cris Charley, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Brooke Brooks and John O'Dea.

Visitors: None.

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Meyers, to excuse absent board members, Brooke Brooks and John O'Dea. Ayes: Neseth, Teter, Meyers, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Meyers, seconded by McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented with the correction of the meeting time to 9:00 a.m. Ayes: Neseth, Teter, Meyers, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmens Bank in Bartley, Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley, and published in the Valley Voice newspaper and on the school website. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

John O'Dea arrived at the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

The possibility of purchasing a pickup for snow plowing and a used bus was discussed by the Board and administrators.

Superintendent Billeter and Board Members discussed the 2026-2027 budget, the tax requests, and the district levy. Each member gave their opinions involving the current budget proposal.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Teter, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Agenda for meetings will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent.

The regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School. A public hearing to discuss the final tax request and approval of the budget is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., also at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School.