

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, Jason Kloeping, Principal Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: John O'Dea and Jason Neseth

Visitors: Don and Donna Behnke, Jolene Miller

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. 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 all members prior to the meeting date.

Donna Behnke invited the school board, Superintendent Porter, and Principal Springer to the Senior Breakfast on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at St. Catherine's hall.

Awards & Recognition-The Elem. Quizbowl placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Maywood Quizbowl. State FBLA was April 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>. The participants did very well with Alex Porter placing 5<sup>th</sup> in business law. FBLA with the XJC's had an Easter egg hunt on March 25<sup>th</sup>. FFA participated in State FFA April 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>. Many of our FFA members placed in different divisions. Students also went to the McCook Paint In on April 6<sup>th</sup> and there was a team that received 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

John O'Dea entered at 7:38 pm.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Mr. Porter informed the board that there was interest from some students for Girls Golf and Ms. Sara Roether will be the girl's golf coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the bid from Esslingers in the amount of \$43,856.23 for an addition to the Industrial Arts Shop. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Principal Kathy Latta entered at 8:25 pm.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve admission prices to \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. The board voted to keep Activity Passes the same. \$20.00 for a student pass, \$45 for an adult pass, and \$85 for a family pass. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve updated policy #5008-Pregnant or Parenting Students. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the donation of an Audiometer from the Southwest Public Schools Foundation. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the resignation of Mary Peters, elementary special education instructor, with thanks for her service to the district. Ayes: Kloeping, Teter, O. McConville, O'Dea, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported that himself and Mr. Springer went to the NRCSA conference March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. He reported the school improvement external visit went very well and he is appreciative of our whole staff and all their hard work. He will be going to ESU & RPAC meetings in the next week. He informed the board that graduation practice is on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Principal Latta reported that the elementary had kindergarten orientation on March 12<sup>th</sup> and currently have 16 students registered for next year. She wanted to inform the board that after speaking with an NDE Early Childhood Representative and the two preschool teachers, it was decided to have two mixed age classes next year for preschool. Letters will be mailed out April 10<sup>th</sup> informing parents of which class, morning or afternoon, their child will attend. Latta stated that 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking their field trips in the next month. Summer School Staff has been hired and student invitation letters have been mailed.

Principal Springer reported the Juniors and Seniors will be having a date/rape assembly on April 10<sup>th</sup>. He discussed the Class of 2018 graduating status in May and asked President Teter and Secretary Kloeping to sign the diplomas after the meeting.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. 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, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.