

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
April 10, 2023

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 2023 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, Brooke Brooks, Jennifer McConville, John O'Dea, Superintendent Todd Porter, Principal Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Jason Kloepping.

Visitors: Jody Dellevoet.

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to excuse absent board member, Jason Kloepping. Ayes: Teter, McConville, Brooks, Neseth, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Kloepping. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O'Dea, McConville, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Kloepping. Motion carried.

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmens Bank Bartley Branch, 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.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 board meeting. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Teter, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Kloepping. Motion carried.

Jason Kloepping arrived at the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

No action was taken on New Business, Action Item 1, discuss and take appropriate action on resignation of teachers.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve a contract with Whitney Billiter as a kindergarten instructor for the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, Neseth, Brooks, McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter discussed graduation and participation in the ceremony for all senior students that fulfill graduation requirements, and diplomas were signed.

The Board reviewed and discussed a list of teacherage improvements. An electrician has been contacted, and Mr. Neseth will discuss the projects and priorities with Drew and Whitney Billeter.

Superintendent Porter discussed the junior-senior high school students' academic improvement incentives, high school students second place finish at the McCook and North Platte Inter-High Days, and an upcoming Foundation meeting to select scholarship winners.

Principal Fries informed the board of the external visitation results.

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 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School Library in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, O'Dea, Teter, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.