

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
April 11, 2022

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 11, 2022 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jason Neseth, Brooke Brooks, John O'Dea, Jason Kloeping, Superintendent Todd Porter, Principals Matt Springer and Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Jennifer McConville.

Visitors: Rudy Kennedy.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, 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 Neseth, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O'Dea, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

The possibility of the district offering daycare for birth through age 2 was discussed by the Board and administration. Several board members voiced opinions against this venture, but they suggested a private provider or foundation would be an option.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to increase the hourly daycare rate to \$3.00/hour beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Ayes: Brooks, Kloeping, Neseth, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Rudy Kennedy thanked the Board for the opportunity to teach children of the district for 18 years. Mr. Kennedy informed the Board he would still be willing to accept coaching duties or work in the role of paraeducator.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to accept the resignations of Rudy Kennedy, Denise Young, and Sara Calvert, with sincere thanks for their years of service to the district. Ayes: Brooks, Kloeping, Neseth, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve contracts for Chelsea Svoboda and Mitch Muma for the 2022-2023 school year. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, Kloeping, Neseth and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve a resolution in favor of a cooperative sponsorship agreement for boys and girls swimming with McCook Public Schools. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

The 2022 graduation ceremony for eleven seniors is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School gymnasium.

Principal Matt Springer updated Board members on the current status for the approved auction of the vacant school lots in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the online auction by Old West Realty and Auction of Curtis of three lots, as determined by the survey, on Monday, June 13, 2022. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley as the permanent location for holding monthly school board meetings, beginning May 9, 2022. Ayes: Kloeping, O'Dea, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported on the Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services information that Congress is not expected to renew waivers for free breakfast and lunch for all students for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Porter informed the board of the need to prepare to increase breakfast and lunch prices.

Principal Springer informed the Board on the status of Spring sports, student scheduling for the 2022-2023 school year, and the sidewalk and cooling tower projects.

Principal Fries informed the Board members of current elementary testing and field trips, along with the results of the Music Festival at Cambridge on April 8, and the planned elementary music program on May 10 and field day on May 11.

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 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, Teter, Brooks, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.