

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
April 14, 2014

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 14, 2014 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Tom Sughroue, Steve McConville, Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Principals Lynda Baumbach and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Kevin Potthoff and Steve Daffer.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Mary Shirkey, Linda Clark, Don Ellicott, Julie Ellis, Don and Donna Behnke, Kristy Kreiling, and Jason Kloepping.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to excuse absent Board Members Kevin Potthoff and Steve Daffer. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff and Daffer. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff and Daffer. 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 informed and invited the Board to the Class of 2014 breakfast planned for May 9 at 8:00 a.m. at the Saint Catherine's Church Hall in Indianola.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the honors and awards of Southwest students during the past month.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the March 10, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Teter, S. McConville, and Sughroue. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff and Daffer. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Since the elementary restroom renovation has been advertised for bids twice, the district is able to solicit hiring local contractors to proceed with the project.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to amend the 125 Cafeteria Plan to include Health Savings Accounts. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff and Daffer. Motion carried.

Steve Daffer arrived at the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to terminate the two and one-half month grace period for the 125 Cafeteria Plan and approve a \$500 carryover of unreimbursed medical care to the following plan year. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the purchase of replacement heating/cooling units for five elementary classrooms each of the next three years. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to lease a water softener for the elementary kitchen from Messersmith Water Treatment. The administration was instructed to accept the lowest bid for adapting the building plumbing to the water softener. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the resignation of Rebecca Brittenham effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year with appreciation of her service to the district. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the option enrollment application of the child of Bobbie Jo Wallace to Southwest Schools. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the option enrollment application of the child of Darren Peters to Southwest Schools. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the option enrollment application of the child of Sonja Thompson to Southwest Schools. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the employment of certified staff for the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by Superintendent Todd Porter. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to go into closed session to evaluate the job performance of an employee and protect the needless injury to the employee's reputation at 8:30 p.m. President Teter repeated the motion, and the Board voted. Ayes: S. McConville, Teter, Sughroue, Daffer, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. Motion carried.

President Teter declared the end of closed session at 9:10 p.m.

Superintendent Porter discussed the passage of LB923 and 907, School Law Seminar registration, state aid comparison and budget authority, recent meetings, FFA Grants, and the possibility of one-to-one laptops for the 2014-'15 school year to be placed on the May Board meeting agenda.

Principal Springer discussed coach bus inspections, concession stand bid review, track area updates, tornado drill and emergency evacuations, grade 8-12 student physicals, and offering of a summer Drivers' Education Course.

Principal Baumbach reported on prior and upcoming elementary activities, tornado drills, NeSA testing Pep Rally, Title I review, and Summer School dates.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff. 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 12, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.