

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
April 8th, 2024

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on April 8th, 2024 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, John O'Dea, Brooke Brooks, Jason Kloeping, Jennifer McConville, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principal Tara Fries, Principal Matt Springer, Sydney Mousel

Absent: None.

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp, Diane Moore, Lisa Ryan, Ashley & Austin Lambing, Derek Meyers, Valley Voice

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and McConville. Nays: None. 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 Teter, seconded by McConville to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 board meeting. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Kloeping, Neseth, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve and discuss and take appropriate action on accepting the resignation of Dennis Hengen. Ayes: Teter, Kloeping, McConville, Neseth, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Neseth, to approve and discuss and take appropriate action on accepting the resignation of Rose Hengen. Ayes: Teter, Kloeping, McConville, Neseth, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloeping, to approve and discuss and take appropriate action on accepting the resignation of Amber Daffer. Ayes: Teter, Kloeping, McConville, Neseth, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve a contract for Payton Schake as a JH/HS Counselor for the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, McConville, Teter, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve a teacher contract for Joni Bowman for a 2nd grade position for the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, McConville, Teter, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the quote from Unitech with the amount of \$454 to refinish the gym floors over the summer. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, McConville, Teter, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve the Junior Kindergarten and early childhood program as presented. Ayes: Teter, Klopping, McConville, Neseth, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by McConville, to approve a COOP girls wrestling with Cambridge for two years (2024-2025 & 2025-2026). Ayes: Teter, Klopping, McConville, Neseth, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter informed the Board about the Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment Review. In that, he listed how we promoted a diverse range of nutritious meals for our students and they also have 30-minute lunch breaks. He also addressed that a few of our other strengths as a school are that we offer a wide array of Physical Education classes that also touch base on health education. The playground equipment for the elementary was delivered. All electric work at the elementary was completed, and the new shot clock was installed. On April 11th, there will be a SPED meeting for any homeschooled students in our district. The 4th and last safety meeting was conducted on April 8th.

Principal Tara Fries informed the board that they finished up with their MAPS testing. On Monday the 8th, all the children witnessed the solar eclipse. Lastly, they had a great turnout for the book fair and literacy night this month.

Principal Matt Springer informed the board that in their Safety meeting conducted on Monday, April 8th, they discussed fixing the southeast gym doors to make them into a single door. The 6th – 12th students also have finished up their MAPS testing.

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 13th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School Library in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Klopping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Ayes: Klopping, O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.