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

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, Jason Kloeppping, 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.


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 11th at 8:00 am at St. Catherine's hall.

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

John O'Dea entered at 7:38 pm.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeppping, to approve the minutes of the March 12th, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeppping, 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, Kloeppping, 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, Kloeppping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.

Principal Kathy Latta entered at 8:25 pm.
Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Kloepping, 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, Kloepping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth. Motion carried.


Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the resignation of Mary Peters, elementary special education instructor, with thanks for her service to the district. Ayes: Kloepping, 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 22nd and 23rd. 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 11th at 9:30 am.

Principal Latta reported that the elementary had kindergarten orientation on March 12th 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 10th informing parents of which class, morning or afternoon, their child will attend. Latta stated that 1st thru 6th 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 being having a date/rape assembly on April 10th. He discussed the Class of 2018 graduating status in May and asked President Teter and Secretary Kloepping to sign the diplomas after the meeting.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Ayes: O’Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Kloepping, 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 14th, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.