

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
August 10, 2020

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:45 p.m. on August 10, 2020 at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jennifer McConville, Jason Neseth, Jason Kloeping, Principals Tara Fries and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: John O'Dea

Visitors: Jenna Ebbers and Les Roggenkamp

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.

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

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

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the July 13th, 2020 board meeting as presented. Ayes: J. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, O. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to reaffirm Board Policy 5018—Parent and Guardian Involvement in Educational Practices. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Kloeping, to reaffirm Board Policy 5045—Student Fees. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by J. McConville, to reaffirm Board Policy 5057—District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Neseth, to approve new Board Policy 3057—Title IX Policy and designate Jordan Lewis as Southwest Public Schools Official Title IX Coordinator. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by J. McConville, to approve updated Board Policy 2006—Complaint Procedure. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville seconded by J. McConville, to approve the 2020-2021 Staff Handbooks and 2020-2021 Elementary/Jr/Sr High School/Activity Combined Handbook with the addition of Board Policies

2006 and 3057 inserted. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried

Tabled Item #7 to be discussed in closed session after the principal's reports.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the bid from GovConnection in the amount of \$21,170.00 for the replacement of 140 Chromebooks. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Mr. Porter discussed the 2020-2021 budget progress with the board.

Superintendent Porter reported we received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart and expressed his gratitude to the company. He informed the board that the custodial staff has worked very hard to get the school buildings ready for the school year with many new sanitary procedures. Hand sanitizers have been placed throughout both buildings and teachers will have sanitizing supplies readily available in every classroom.

Principal Fries reported she is working towards keeping students in the same grade group throughout the day. When students are to go home for the day they will get dismissed out multiple doors to try to keep them spread out as much as possible. During the In-service day on August 11th, the staff will have a zoom training with the ARC Reading company.

Principal Springer reported there are two new bus drivers that are going through the process to receive their bus permits. He plans to spread out students on school vehicles as much as possible and noted that we may need to take multiple vehicles to some events in order to make it possible. The track has been recoated and the company will repaint the lines sometime next week.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Neseth, to go into closed session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss board agenda Item #7-Personnel needs to avoid the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Ayes: Teter, J. McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

President Teter adjourned the closed session at 8:51 p.m.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Neseth, to approve a contract with Amber Daffer as the Elementary SPED Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Ayes: Teter, J. McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Agenda for meetings will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent.

A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. location to be determined to pay remaining 2019-2020 bills, approve transfers, and preview the 2020-2021 budget.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.