

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
August 12, 2019

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:45 p.m. on August 12, 2019 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jennifer McConville, Jason Neseth, John O'Dea, Jason Kloeping, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Jenna Ebbers

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the board meeting agenda with the addition of striking Item #5 from the agenda. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, Neseth, O'Dea and Teter. Nays: None. 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.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 board meeting as presented. Ayes: J. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth and Teter. Nays: None. Abstain: O'Dea and O. McConville. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

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

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

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

Tabled Item #4 to be discussed in closed session after the principal's reports.

A discussion concerning the 2019-2020 budget, tax levies, and valuations was held by the Board of Education and Superintendent Porter. Mr. Porter is making progress on the budget but it is hard to tell exactly where we will be until we get valuations from the counties. It does look like our budget will be very similar to last school year's.

Superintendent Porter reported he has been working on the budget for this coming school year. Administrator days was moved to Lincoln and Mr. Porter attended many informative sessions. He will be attending a labor relations meeting in the next month along with the NRCSA conference in September. Activities have started and our numbers are down but looking forward to a great year.

Principal Latta reported the Elementary enrollment number is around 150 students. They will have approximately 18 kindergarteners and 28 preschoolers. The elementary teachers participated in a professional development day for the new reading curriculum. The Elementary meet and greet is on August 14th from 5:00 to 6:00.

Principal Springer reported that we have cut and combined one bus route for this year and one coach bus is ready to go while the other is in its final stages of repair. The high school will be reviewing their math curriculum and the English teachers have had training on the new reading curriculum. We have gotten a few new students and also lost a few.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by J. McConville, to go into closed session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss board agenda Item #4-Preschool Personnel to avoid the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter adjourned the closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve a contract with Diane Moore as the Certified Daycare Instructor for the 2019-2020 school year. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. 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 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Junior-Senior High School to pay remaining 2018-2019 bills, approve transfers, and preview the 2019-2020 budget.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.