President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:41 p.m. on August 12, 2013 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerloch, Linda Clark, and Bernard Walz.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Sughroue, Daffer, Potthoff, Teter, and S. McConville. 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.

Linda Clark presented a thank-you card on behalf of the junior-senior high coaches and orally thanked the Board for paying the membership dues and travel expenses to the NSAA Coaches’ Clinic in Lincoln in July.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the July 8, 2013 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Potthoff, Daffer, Teter, O. McConville, Sughroue, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to request approval from the State Board of Education for the expenditure exclusion to access up to an amount equal to 2% of the district’s 2012-2013 certified general fund budget authority or $114,013.80. Ayes: O. McConville, S. McConville, Teter, Potthoff, Sughroue, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to adopt revised Board Policy 5057 – Parental Involvement in the Title I Program with the attached school-parent learning compact. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to adopt Board Policy 4053 – Conflict of Interest. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to approve revised Board Policy 5001 – Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism with option A with no additional conditions of non-attendance. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the ratification of June Porter as a special education paraeducator. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by Daffer, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the ratification of Stacy Springer as a paraeducator. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the enrollment option application for the child of Shauna Meissner. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, O. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the late enrollment option application for the children of Teresa Toedtli to attend the McCook Public Schools. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, O. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the late enrollment option application for the children of Frances Maret to attend the McCook Public Schools. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, O. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported that Jay Spearman of Ameritas has been monitoring interest rates and has notified the district that maximum savings may be obtained at this time for refunding the Limited Tax Obligation Refunding Bonds. Brooks Construction provided landscaping on the district property in Bartley at no charge. Their contribution and excellent work is appreciated by the district. Superintendent Porter informed the Board that Barry Hale of EAD Constructors informed him that
materials needed to install metal flashing on the gym re-construction project have not yet arrived. The process to obtain information regarding Junior-Senior High School signs has begun. Mr. Porter discussed several upcoming NASB meeting opportunities for board members. He also discussed the Foundation’s money-raising play production and meals served by the FBLA and Foundation.

Principal Springer reported on sessions attended during Administrators’ Days, parking lot rail installation, installation of the chain link fence to limit access to the football field, front entry carpet situation, painting of the elementary gym and hallways during the summer and continuing lighting replacement, bus routes, and plans for a football field restroom and concession structure.

Principal Baumbach reported on the elementary Meet & Greet on August 13th, elementary lighting issues, and rules for elementary students attending junior-senior high school activities.

A special meeting will be held on August 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley to pay additional 2012-2013 bills, make transfers, and preview the 2013-2014 budget.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, O. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. 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, September 9, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.