

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
August 14, 2017

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:40 p.m. on August 14, 2017 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Jenni McConville, Jason Klopping, Ondrea McConville, Lynda Baumbach, John O'Dea, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Steve Walker and Cody Gerlach.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Klopping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O'Dea, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: 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.

New Business, Action Item 4, was moved to the beginning of the agenda in order to allow the presenter to return to his home. Steve Walker, Energy Use Consultant from NPPD, reviewed the possibilities of updating all buildings to LED lighting for significant energy savings and explained the current rebate program.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Klopping, J. McConville, Baumbach, O'Dea, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve Board Policy 5018—Parental Involvement in Educational Practices as presented. Ayes: Klopping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to approve Board Policy 5045—Student Fees as presented. Ayes: Klopping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. O'Dea discussed long-term certificate of deposit rates at First Central Bank in McCook. J. McConville and Baumbach asked Superintendent Porter to contact the State Bank of Bartley and Adams Bank & Trust, depositories within the district, to obtain long-term certificate of deposit rates. No action was taken, and New Business Action Item 3 was tabled until the regular October board meeting.

The Board discussed Mr. Walker's presentation. No action was taken, and New Business Action Item 3 was tabled until quotes for elementary and junior-senior high gymnasium LED lighting upgrading can be obtained.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the 2017-2018 Elementary Student Handbook with an amendment to eliminate the band instrument rental section. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter informed board members of a refund in the amount of \$1,801.76 from the Village of Bartley concerning duplication of a meter reading.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the 2016-2017 Amended Budget due to refinancing of a bond with no changes in levies or spending. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter asked for Board input concerning 2017-2018 levies, reserves, etc. The county valuations have not yet been received.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to approve a contract with Michael Brodd as a junior high instructor for the 2017-2018 school year. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the quote from Jace 7 in the amount of \$7,000.00 to upgrade the junior-senior high HVAC computer software system. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter discussed the replacement of six AC/heating units at the elementary, painting of lines on the track resurfacing project, progress on finalization of the announcer's booth at the football field, upcoming installation of elementary playground equipment, district student count, completion of the financial pre-audit, and the district website upgrade.

Principal Latta reported on the enrollment of 154 elementary students which includes 16 three-year old and 12 four-year old preschool students, and the elementary open house on August 15.

Principal Springer reported on the consolidation of a bus route, reducing the cost of transportation, possible purchase of transportation vehicles within the next 12-18 months, and status of the announcer's booth project.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Baumbach, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O'Dea. 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 Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley to pay remaining 2016-2017 bills, make transfers, and preview the 2017-2018 budget.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.