

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
August 8, 2016

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:40 p.m. on August 8, 2016 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: Steve Daffer.

Visitors: Jolene Miller, Howard Kester, and Jason Klopping.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to excuse absent Board Member Steve Daffer. Ayes: J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

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

Mr. O'Dea reported on the number of Red Willow County Fair exhibits by Southwest School students.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: J. McConville, O. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Abstained: Baumbach. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to reapprove Board Policy 5018 – Parental Involvement in Educational Practices with no changes. Ayes: Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to reapprove Board Policy 5045 – Student Fees with no changes. Ayes: Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

Howard Kester reported on the current status of contacting patrons for donations to the possible junior-senior high track construction project. The Board asked that patrons be contacted as to their support, not necessarily monetary, for the project and to contact board members concerning their support for the track project. Todd Porter reported that during his time as Superintendent at Southwest, patrons attending board meetings had voiced concern regarding the limitation on the number of preschool students.

The Board discussed and reviewed Board Policy #5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism. No changes were made to the current policy.

After discussion and review of Board Policy #5054 Student Bullying, the Board made no changes to the policy.

Board Members and Superintendent Porter discussed the 2016-2017 budget process. Board members discussed expectations, salary increases, reserve funds, and the levy.

Superintendent Porter reported on workshops he attended during the Administrators' Days Conference, the elementary sidewalk and grass seeding project.

Principal Springer reported on four new student enrollees, teacher in-service, RPAC Coaches and Sponsors Meeting hosted by Southwest, football practice, student handbooks, and the 2004 coach bus motor overhaul.

Principal Latta reported on recently attended staff workshops, increasing number of Kindergarten students, achievement of maximum number of Pre-Kindergarten students with a waiting list, and enrollment of new students.

An end-of-the-fiscal-year board meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley to pay remaining 2015-2016 bills, make possible fund transfers, and preview the 2016-2017 budget documents.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. 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 12, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.