

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
August 9, 2021

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:47 p.m. on August 9, 2021 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, John O'Dea, Jason Kloeping, Brooke Brooks, Jason Neseth, Principal Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, State Bank of Bartley in Bartley, Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley and published in the Valley Voice newspaper and on the school website. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, Brooks, O'Dea, Kloeping, and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the resolution that the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education will make decisions on the Nebraska Department of Education's proposed health standards, and not the Department of Education. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, Brooks, O'Dea, Kloeping, and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Board members discussed the plan that the ESSER III Grant allocations will be used for the salary and benefits of elementary instructors for splitting two grades and an additional interventions instructor for two to three years.

Action Item 6, Discuss and take appropriate action on updating security camera systems, under New Business, was tabled until the September board meeting

The Return to School Plan, as posted on the school website, was discussed by school board members.

Superintendent Porter is waiting for county valuations, but he doesn't anticipate much change in the levy for the 2021-2022 budget year.

Principal Fries informed the Board that the elementary wall has been installed between classrooms. The cabinets will be delivered in October, so plans are to install the cabinets and countertops over the weekends.

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 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School to pay remaining 2020-2021 bills, approve transfers, and preview the 2021-2022 budget.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Ayes: McConville, O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Motion carried.