

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
December 11, 2023

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 11, 2023 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jason Neseth, Brooke Brooks, Jason Kloeping, Jennifer McConville, John O'Dea, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principals Tara Fries and Matt Springer, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Duane Teter.

Visitors: None.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by O'Dea, to excuse absent board member, Duane Teter. Ayes: Neseth, Brooks, Kloeping, McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmens Bank Bartley Branch, Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, 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 O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 board meeting. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Abstain: Kloeping. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve the 2024-2025 Teacher Negotiated Agreement as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, McConville, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by McConville, to approve the quote from Springer Eco Blasting in the amount of \$3,848 for masonry cleaning at the junior-senior high school. Ayes: Kloeping, McConville, Brooks, O'Dea, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the daycare lease agreement for the life skills building in Bartley with Lou Hayes. Ayes: Neseth, Brooks, McConville, O'Dea, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter discussed results of the Community Eligibility Nutrition Program application, installation of copy machines throughout the district and a water heater in the life skills building, 2024-2025 calendar committee meeting, hiring of an elementary custodian, results of the State of the Schools Report, refinishing of the high school gym floor over the upcoming break, status of interviewing candidates for the junior-senior high school 2024-2025 art position, District Christmas activities, and acknowledgment of \$15,730 from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program.

Principal Fries discussed the issue of staffing the elementary daycare program and planned goals for year 1 of the five-year school improvement plan.

Principal Springer informed the Board of receipt of a bid from Holdrege Electric for elementary electrical work, status of replacement of storage room carpet, kitchen countertop, and a portion of the sidewalk at the elementary building, bus delivery now expected in April, and replacement of the southeast gym doors at the junior-senior high building.

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, January 8, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School Library in Bartley.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.