

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
February 12, 2018

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on February 12, 2018 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, John O'Dea, Jason Kloeping, Jason Neseth, Principal Kathy Latta, Principal Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Visitors: Kathy Long, Don and Donna Behnke

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea seconded by Kloeping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. 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.

Awards & Recognition-The FFA Group accepted \$1,000 from Ruggles Angus as a donation. Several students participated and medaled in the Skills Contest held at North Platte Community College on January 29<sup>th</sup>. There are 7 students selected to participate in the Class C All-State Band on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Kearney. FFA Students competed in a District XI contest in Curtis on February 7<sup>th</sup> where many members placed very well in different categories. Several students also were winners in the RPAC Art Show. The Academic Decathlon Team has been very successful this year and they will be participating in State AcaDeca on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Neseth, to approve the minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, J. McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

President Teter appointed committee members as followed: Teter, J. McConville, and O'Dea to the Americanism Committee; Neseth, O. McConville, and J. McConville to the Transportation Committee; Kloeping, O'Dea, and O. McConville to the Building and Grounds Committee; Neseth, Kloeping, and Teter to the Negotiations Committee; and O'Dea to the Foundation Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item #3 pertaining to a work study program was tabled for further input.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve a contract for Jordan Lewis as the 7-12 School Counselor for the 2018-2019 School Year. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported the Department of Education will be coming for a Title I Review on February 28<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a School Improvement visit on March 20<sup>th</sup>. February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Mr. Porter will be at a NRCSA Legislative Forum.

Principal Latta shared with the board the Early Childhood Environmental Ratings Scale and how our 3 year old class compared to the state average. 19 Students from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in Sing Around Nebraska.

Principal Springer reported himself, Jody Hyke, and Natalie Meyers went to an Infinite Campus conference in Denver, CO. This conference was very beneficial as there were new updates and features to be utilized in Infinite Campus. When looking at the class schedule for next year, Mr. Springer reported they will be looking into the possibility of adding an advanced math and advanced science class. He reported the mini coach bus should be completed within the next 30 days.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by Neseth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Kloepping, Neseth, and O. McConville. 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, March 12th, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.