

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
February 13, 2017

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 13, 2017 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Jason Kloeping was sworn in as a board member.

John O'Dea arrived at 7:32 pm.

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

Absent: Lynda Baumbach.

Visitors: Kathy Long

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. 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-Several students received awards for their Art work at the RPAC Art Contest. FFA placed in contests at NCTA on February 8th. Farm Mgt.-1st place, Agronomy-3rd place, Ag Mechanics-5th place, Livestock Management-6th place, and Floriculture-7th place. Alex and Brady Porter qualified for Class C All-State band in March and Ellie Adam and Suzanne Roggenkamp qualified for state FFA Honor Choir in April. Southwest High School Quiz bowl received 3rd place in the RPAC Quiz bowl. JH Quiz bowl team received 3rd place at the Southwest invite.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the resignation of Susan Wyatt effective at the end of the school year. Ayes: J. McConville, Kloeping, O'Dea, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

The board thanked Susan Wyatt for her years of service to the district.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the resignation of Mary Foster effective at the end of the school year. Ayes: J. McConville, Kloepping, O'Dea, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

The board thanked Mary Foster for her years of service to the district.

The practice track has been staked out and dirt work will begin soon. Board discussed the placement of the announcers stand.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Kloepping and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the 2017-2018 negotiated contract for certified staff, according to negotiations between the Southwest Teachers Association and the Board Negotiations Committee. Ayes: Kloepping, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported he will be attending the NRCSA winter conference at the end of February. He also will be attending the NRCSA spring conference March 23rd and 24th and encouraged any board members who are interested to attend as well. Also, he touched on the school law "Back to Basics" meeting on March 14th from 5-9 pm.

Principal Latta reported that the soffit at the Elementary School is finished. The elementary still has preschool openings for the 2017-2018 school year. Kindergarten round up is March 6th at 1:00 and 6:00. March 7th the elementary has no school due to Parent Teacher Conferences. Mrs. Latta stated there will be a Family Literacy Luau on March 30th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the elementary school.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Kloepping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. 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 13th, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.