

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
February 11, 2019

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 11, 2019 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: Jenni McConville and Ondrea McConville

Visitors: Cody Gerlach, Don and Donna Behnke

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to excuse absent board members Jenni McConville and Ondrea McConville. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloeping, Teter, and Neseth. Absent: J. McConville and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Jenni McConville and Ondrea McConville entered at 7:33 p.m.

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-Every student who participated in the Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> FFA Contest qualified for State FFA. There were several students who qualified for Class C All State Band as well. There was a career fair held at school on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> and it was very successful. 28 local businesses participated in this event.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloeping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Ayes: Kloeping, Teter, O'Dea, Neseth, O. McConville, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Neseth, to approve the resignation of Nick Brost effective at the end of the school year. The board thanked him for his years of service. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, Teter, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board approved the use of a district school bus and driver to allow the Historical Society to tour historical buildings in our area in March or April.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve a contract with Cassa Easter as a high school science instructor for the 2019-2020 school year. Ayes: Kloeping, J. McConville, Teter, Neseth, O'Dea, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 5 was tabled at this time.

Superintendent Porter reported on state aid and that there was an early projection of a moderate increase for the next school year.

Principal Latta reported that the Rockin Riders did a fundraiser for the Red Willow Co. Sheriff's drug dog named Luna. They donated \$298.00 to go to the expenses of her care. Parent teacher conferences are to be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Springer reported the new route bus will be here soon and will be getting cameras installed in it before it arrives. He received some information from a security company on different options to make the high school and elementary more secure. He mentioned to the board it might be something to take a look at.

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 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloeping, to go into executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations for the protection of the public interest. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter closed executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the 2019-2020 negotiated contract for certified staff, according to negotiations between the Southwest Teachers Association and the Board Negotiations Committee. An increase of \$600.00 was added to the base salary. Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, O'Dea, J. McConville, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.