

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
February 8, 2016

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on February 8, 2016 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, John O'Dea, Steve Daffer, Principal Kathy Latta, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Lynda Baumbach.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Jolene Miller, and Don & Donna Behnke.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Daffer, 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.

Superintendent Porter informed the Board that Garrett Fries signed a letter of intent to participate in football at Doane College, and Michael Lord signed a letter of intent to participate in football at Hastings College.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer John O'Dea ate lunch at the Junior-Senior High School in January. He reported on his satisfaction with the quality and choice of food items.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve revised Board Policy #3014 Use of School Property with changes made at the meeting. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, O. McConville, O'Dea, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

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

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to accept the bid by Hegwood Concrete Contractors in the amount of \$21,209.33 for the concrete project on the west side of the elementary building. Ayes: J. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

A bid to replace the junior-senior high school practice gym ceiling has not been finalized. Therefore, New Business Action Item 4 was tabled until the March Board Meeting.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the base hourly non-certified rate of \$10.65 and increase the present non-certified employees' hourly/daily rates by 3%. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Abstain: Daffer. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported on an FCS student teacher for the Fall semester and upcoming NRCSA and NASB Conferences. The offer of health insurance coverage for full-time, non-certificated employees, required by the Affordable Care Act, beginning on September 1 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year was discussed with board members. Matt Springer was absent due to attending an Infinite Campus workshop; therefore, revision of graduation requirements will be discussed at the March Board Meeting.

Principal Latta reported on the recent pre-kindergarten evaluation by the Department of Education, the 100th Day of School Celebration, the completion of the fourth grade NeSA writing tests, Parent-Teachers Conferences scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, and appreciation to the custodial and maintenance staff for their work to remove snow.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Daffer, 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 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.