

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
February 9, 2015

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 9, 2015 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, John O'Dea, Lynda Baumbach, Steve Daffer, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

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

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Superintendent Porter informed the Board that Erin Greenlee completed the requirements to receive her State FFA Degree, RPAC Art Contest winners were Jane Reiners, Ashley Morosic, Natalie Longnecker, and Megan Helberg, and Peg Rice thanked the Board for allowing the RPAC Quiz Bowl to be hosted at the junior-senior high building and thanked Southwest Staff for their work at the Quiz Bowl.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Baumbach, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Abstain: Daffer. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

No action was taken to approve the use of the Retirement Incentive Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O. McConville, to renew membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards for 2015-2016. Ayes: Teter, Daffer, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to adopt the 2015-2016 school calendar presented as #2. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve Mary Shirkey as the Southwest School's Director of Special Education, in addition to her duties as the elementary special education instructor, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to schedule Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences for Thursday, March 5, 2015. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, O'Dea, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported on the Legislative Issues Conference and Board Member Workshop, the upcoming NRCSA Legislative and Spring Conferences, an incident summoning the Indianola Fire Department to the Elementary with thanks to the volunteers and Elementary Custodian Pam Brown, and replacement of the junior-senior high commons window. Mr. Porter asked for a meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee to review, add, or change district priorities.

Principal Springer reported on the status of senior students meeting graduation requirements, a letter of concern sent to parents of junior-high children not meeting grade requirements, NeSA on-line writing testing for grades 8 and 11, scheduled MAPS testing by subject area, and attendance at a PLC Administrators Conference.

Principal Latta reported on the restroom renovation project, NeSA writing test, NEP tests, and Valentine parties.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, 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 9, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.