

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
January 10th, 2022

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on January 10th, 2022 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Jason Kloeping, Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, Brooke Brooks, Principal Tara Fries, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Jenni McConville and John O'Dea

Visitors: Cody Gerlach

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Brooks, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Neseth, Kloeping, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. Motion carried.

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, Stockmens Bank Bartley Branch, Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley and published in the Valley Voice newspaper and on the school website. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Superintendent Porter adjourned the meeting sine die at 7:41 p.m. to elect school board officers for the 2022 calendar year.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Kloeping, to nominate elected officers as follows: Teter as President, Neseth as Vice-President, Kloeping as Secretary, and O'Dea as Treasurer. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. Motion carried.

President Teter then presided during the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Brooks, to retain committee members as follows: Teter, McConville, and O'Dea to the Americanism Committee; Neseth, Brooks, and McConville to the Transportation Committee; Kloeping, O'Dea, and Brooks to the Building and Grounds Committee; Neseth, Kloeping, and Teter to the Negotiations Committee; and O'Dea to the Foundation Board.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Kloeping, to authorize all Board Officers to sign checks for the General, Contingency, Special Building, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Bond, Cooperative and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Funds. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Neseth, to designate the Adams Bank & Trust and Stockmen's Bank as the district's official depositories. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by Neseth, to designate the Valley Voice as the district's official news publication. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. Motion carried.

Item #6, approval of 2022-2023 Teacher Negotiated Agreement was tabled.

Item #7, possible sale of school owned south parking lot ground was tabled.

Item # 8 Concrete bid for east side of Bartley Building was tabled due to lack of bids.

Superintendent Porter reported our students and staff have been in fairly good health. He informed the board that the high school has hired a new custodian. Mr. Porter will be attending a few meetings out of district in the next couple weeks. The FFA went on a trip to the Denver Stock show and the staff has been working hard on school improvement to be ready for our review.

Principal Fries also reported the elementary staff have been busy comparing numbers from past years to help compile information for the school improvement review.

President Teter moved to go into closed session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss Item # 6, 2022-2023 Teacher Negotiated Agreement and Item #7, possible sale of school owned south parking lot ground.

President Teter adjourned the closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Brooks, to approve the 2022-2023 Teacher Negotiated Agreement with a \$800 increase on the base salary. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the proposed percentage increase for selected extra duty assignments. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. 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, February 14th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School Building in Bartley.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Kloeping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville & O'Dea. Motion carried.