

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
January 11th, 2021

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 11th, 2021 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: Brooke Brooks and Jenni McConville

Visitors: Cody Gerlach

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented with an addition of Item #9, donation from Southwest Public Schools Foundation of \$2,600 for purchase of digital printer, heat presses and software and supplies for entrepreneurial opportunities for students in classes and student groups fundraising opportunities. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks and McConville. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, State Bank of Bartley in Bartley, Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley and published in the Valley Voice. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the December 17th, 2020 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter Nays: None. Absent: McConville and Brooks. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Item #1 swear in new School Board Member was tabled due to the member being absent.

Superintendent Porter adjourned the meeting sine die at 7:37 p.m. to elect school board officers for the 2021 calendar year.

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

President Teter then presided during the remainder of the meeting.

President Teter appointed committee members as follows: Teter, McConville, and O'Dea to the Americanism Committee; Neseth, Brooks, and McConville to the Transportation Committee; Kloepping, O'Dea, and Brooks to the Building and Grounds Committee; Neseth, Kloepping, and Teter to the Negotiations Committee; and O'Dea to the Foundation Board.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, 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: Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and Brooks. Motion carried.

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

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

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the District Audit for the year ended August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the sale of 3 surplus busses. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the donation from Southwest Public Schools Foundation of \$2,600 for purchase of digital printer, heat presses and software and supplies for entrepreneurial opportunities for students in classes and student groups fundraising opportunities. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and Brooks. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported we have been fortunate to have a decreased number of Covid cases in our school district with the return from Christmas break. Mr. Porter encouraged the board to look through the Legislative Bill packet he provided to them. He stated he has a Western Nebraska Administrator meeting via zoom this week along with a zoom meeting with the Southwest Nebraska Health Department.

Principal Springer reported there are many sporting events coming up in the next couple months. He stated each school we attend for an activity have different protocols and restrictions on number of spectators that can enter the activity.

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 8th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. site to be determined.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and Brooks. Motion carried.