

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
January 14, 2019

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:39 p.m. on January 14, 2019 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jennifer McConville, Ondrea McConville, Jason Kloepping, Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, John O'Dea, Principal Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O'Dea, O. McConville, Neseth, Kloepping, Teter, and J. McConville. 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 reported on results of the January 12 Wallace Speech Meet.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the November 12 and December 10, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Superintendent Porter adjourned the meeting sine die at 7:52 p.m. to elect school board officers for the 2019 calendar year.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to nominate elected officers remain in the same positions (Teter as president, O. McConville as vice-president, O'Dea as treasurer, and Kloepping as secretary) as in 2018. Ayes: Kloepping, Teter, O'Dea, Neseth, O. McConville, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter then presided during the remainder of the meeting.

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

Moved by O. McConville, 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 in accordance with Board Policy 2002. Ayes: Kloepping, O. McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, Teter, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Action Item New Business, Item 6, discuss and take appropriate action on teacher negotiations for the 2019-2020 school year, was tabled until the February 11 board meeting.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to change the resolution for option enrollment applications to "Full" for the 2018-2019 school year. Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloepping, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to amend the 2018-2019 school calendar to add a teacher inservice day on Wednesday, February 6. School will not be in session at either building. Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloepping, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported on the upcoming ESU 15 and 16 Board Workshop and local and state workshops and conferences he will be attending in the next two months. He also reported that the Southwest High School Wrestling Team received runner-up status at the SEM and Sandhills/Theford meets on January 11 and 12.

Principal Springer reported on strategies to improve students' future state testing scores.

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 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Moved by Teter, seconded by J. McConville, to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations for the protection of the public interest and personnel issues for the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloepping, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter closed executive session at 9:02 p.m.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, O'Dea, J. McConville, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.