

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
January 8, 2018

Vice-President Ondrea McConville called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. on January 8, 2018 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jennifer McConville, Ondrea McConville, Jason Kloeping, Jason Neseth, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Duane Teter and John O'Dea.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach,

Vice-President McConville observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Neseth, to excuse absent Board Members Duane Teter and John O'Dea. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. 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 FFA donations from Jeff and Kelcy Ruggles, Land O' Lakes Foundation, and Ag Valley Coop. He announced participants selected to the FFA Honor Choir, Doane University Vocal Festival, and Wayne State Honor Band. Grade Six students will be touring the Frank Lloyd Wright home in McCook.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloeping, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Superintendent Porter adjourned the meeting sine die at 7:50 p.m. to elect school board officers for the 2018 calendar year.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to nominate elected officers remain in the same positions (Teter as president, O. McConville as vice-president, O'Dea as treasurer, and Kloeping as secretary) as in 2017. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, O. McConville, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Vice-President McConville then presided during the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of members to the various committees was tabled until the February board meeting when President Teter is in attendance.

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

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

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

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the resignation of Bob Loshbaugh, Junior-Senior High School Guidance Counselor and Athletic Director, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Neseth, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried. Several board members voiced their thanks to Mr. Loshbaugh for his service to the district.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the 2018-2019 negotiated contract for certified staff, according to negotiations between the Southwest Teachers Association and the Board Negotiations Committee. An increase of \$700 was added to the base salary. Ayes: Kloepping, O. McConville, J. McConville, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Action on a possible work-study program for senior high school students was tabled until the February board meeting.

Superintendent Porter reported on upcoming board and superintendent workshops and conferences.

Principal Springer reported on an upcoming Infinite Campus Workshop, timeline for the arrival of the new bus, and coach bus repairs.

Principal Latta reported on the elementary Food Pantry Drive in December, the attendance of Grades 2-6 students to view the movie "Wonder" at the Arapahoe Crystal Theatre to promote anti-bullying, two second semester student teachers, and current enrollment numbers of preschool students for second semester and for the 2018-2019 school year.

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 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, J. McConville, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.