Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
July 10, 2017

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:34 p.m. on July 10, 2017 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present:  Duane Teter, Jenni McConville, Jason Kloepping, Ondrea McConville, Principal Kathy Latta, Principal Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter and Natalie Meyers

Lynda Baumbach joined the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Absent:  John O'Dea

Visitors:  Kathy Long

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.


Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented.  Ayes:  Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, and O. McConville.  Nays:  None. Absent: 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.

Awards and Recognition:  The Cheerleaders went to a cheer camp in Bertrand and received a superior award from the Universal Cheerleading Association.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 board meeting minutes as presented.  Ayes:  Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, and O. McConville.  Nays:  None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

John O'Dea joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.


The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O’Dea to approve an increase of $.05 on milk prices, and an increase of $.15 on lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year. Lunch prices are as follows: Pre-kindergarten through Grade Six lunch price $2.85 and breakfast at $1.95.  Grade 7 through Grade 12 lunch price is $3.45, and adult lunch price is $3.75.  Milk price is $.35 per carton.  Ayes:  Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O’Dea.  Nays:  None. Motion carried.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by O. McConville to keep activity pass prices the same, $20.00 for student passes, $45.00 for adult passes, and $85.00 for family passes for the 2017-2018 school year.  Ayes:  Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O’Dea.  Nays:  None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the 2017-2018 Junior-Senior High Student and the Staff Handbooks.  Ayes:  Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O’Dea.  Nays:  None. Motion carried.
Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the eligibility of board members to purchase health and dental insurance at their own cost, under the certified staff subgroup. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by O. McConville, to adopt all new Board Policies listed: 4011.1- Nebraska Family Military Leave Act, 4060-School Vehicle Use, 4061-Workplace or Non-Workplace Injuries or Illness and Return to Work, 5002.1-Admission of Students Who Reside Out of the State of Nebraska, 5003-Admission of Part-Time Students, 6036-Athletic Contest Participation by Sixth Graders, and to adopt all revised Board Policies listed: 3041-Crisis Team Duties, 4001-Nondiscrimination, 4010-Inclement Weather, 4011-Employee Leave Under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), 4041-Staff Dress and Appearance, 4053-Conflict of Interest, 5001-Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, 5002-Admission of Students, 5008-Pregnant or Parenting Students, 5017-Routine Directory Information, 5018-Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices, 5022-Investigations, Arrests, and Other Student Contact by Law Enforcement and Health and Human Services, 5063-Audio and Video Recording, 6020-Multicultural Education. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to change the schools 403b Plan from 403b Consultants LLC to National Planning Corporation/ESSDACK 403b Investment Consortium. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported he is working on solving the irregular boiler issues the school has been having. He gave a preliminary audit out to the board on changing the schools lighting to LED and how it may be more cost and energy efficient once he gets the final audit. He mentioned the board would need to schedule a special board meeting at the end of August to close out our fiscal year billings. Also, Mr. Porter contacted fisher track about surfacing the track and they are held up at another job due to weather. Fisher Track hopes to be here in the next week to start adding surface to the concrete. Mr. Porter will be going to Administrator days at the end of July, along with Mr. Springer and Mrs. Latta.

Principal Springer reported the coach bus’s motor is being rebuilt and there are some bumper repairs being done as well. He is working with Ag Valley on a tire program that will help save on tires for school vehicles. The announcer’s booth is in the process of being built, with hopes to have it done soon.

Principal Latta reported summer school went very well and had an attendance on average of 18 students a day. The painting and cleaning at the elementary is finishing up and the new wood chips were delivered for the playground. She reported the installation of the tile and carpet are finished, the painting on the outside of the building has started, and the entry doors on the east side of the building have been replaced.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O’Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, O. McConville, and O’Dea. 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, August 14, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

A Special Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.