President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. on July 11, 2016 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.


Absent: Ondrea McConville.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach, Howard Kester, and Don and Donna Behnke.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to excuse absent Board Member Ondrea McConville. Ayes: Daffer, J. McConville, Baumbach, Teter, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Absent: O. McConville. Motion carried.

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

Howard Kester informed the Board of additional information he has collected on the possibility of pouring a 4” concrete track with a rubber coating for approximately $114,000.00. President Teter asked Mr. Kester to attend the August 8 board meeting with information regarding community support for the project. The topic will be placed on the next board meeting agenda.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Daffer, J. McConville, Baumbach, O’Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O. McConville. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O’Dea, to approve an increase of $.10 in lunch prices for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion died for lack of a second.

J. McConville stated her opinion, with the remainder of the board members agreeing, that lunch prices remain at the 2015-2016 year prices of Pre-kindergarten through Grade Six lunch prices at $2.70 and breakfast at $1.80. Grade 7 through Grade 12 lunch prices will remain at $3.30, and adult lunch prices at $3.60. Milk prices remain at $.30 per carton.

After a discussion by board members, no action was taken on New Business Action Item 1. Activity pass prices will remain at $20.00 for student passes, $45.00 for adult passes, and $85.00 for family passes for the 2016-2017 school year.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by J. McConville, to adopt revised Board Policy 5057 - Parental Involvement in the Title 1 Program. Ayes: Teter, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Absent: O. McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve the revised Special Education Procedures required by the federal and state governments. Ayes: J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, O’Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O. McConville. Motion carried.


Superintendent Porter reported on the elementary sidewalk project and roof repair and the ACLU request for policies and curriculum dealing with student pregnancy and sex education. Mr. Porter will be attending Administrators Days and mentoring the new Hitchcock County Superintendent.

Principal Springer reported on finalization of the Summer School Credit Recovery Curriculum and purchases for the Industrial Technology program including an air purifier and vacuum system.

Principal Latta reported on the resignation of Paraeducator Shelly Daffer, thanking her for her years of service. Mrs. Latta reported on the K-12 writing framework curriculum process and workshop attendance.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Ayes: O’Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: O. McConville. 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 8, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.