

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
July 12, 2021

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on July 12, 2021 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, Brooke Brooks, Jason Neseth, Principals Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: John O'Dea and Jason Klopping

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Klopping entered meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by McConville, to excuse absent board member John O'Dea. Ayes: McConville, Klopping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve the board meeting agenda with the addition of Item 9 under New Business, Action Items. Ayes: McConville, Klopping, Teter, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting were 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 Junior-Senior High School in Bartley and published in the Valley Voice newspaper and on the school website. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

O'Dea entered meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Klopping, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Teter, Klopping, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Abstained: O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by McConville, to establish a Girls Only Wrestling team for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, Klopping, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Klopping, to approve the Staff, Student and Activity Handbooks for the 2021-2022 School Year. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, Klopping, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve revised policies 2005-Conflict of Interest; 3001-Budget and Property Tax Request; 3003 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair or Site Improvement; 3003.1-Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair or Related Project Financed with Federal Funds; 3042-Construction Management at Risk Contracts; 3043-Design-Build Projects; 5063-Audio and Video Recordings; 6037-Reading Instruction and Intervention Services. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, Kloepping, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by McConville, to approve a new Teacher Formal Evaluation Form. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, Kloepping, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board discussed the previous decision to not approve the proposed state standards for health and wanted to make sure the public was aware Southwest Public Schools would not adopt these standards and would be adopting their own standards. The board also discussed the critical race theory issue and also emphasized that the public should not be concerned that critical race theory would be introduced in our school district.

Superintendent Porter explained to the board that the ESSRS III Grant requires the schools Return To School Plan to be updated and placed on the website. He stated that he has updated the plan and placed it on the school's website. He is excited to announce that school will start as normal in August but we will continue to sanitize and clean the school in the manner we did last school year. Mr. Porter, Mrs. Fries, and Mr. Springer will all be attending administrator days in Kearney, NE at the end of July.

Principal Springer reported the cabinets for the Elementary classrooms should be arriving the end of August. The contractor will be installing them during late afternoon and weekends once the cabinets have arrived. He shared with the board that the individual who performed our quarterly bus inspections is retiring and he informed the board he is working on finding a replacement individual/company to perform these inspections. The coach busses have been inspected and repaired for the upcoming school year as well.

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 9th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Ayes: McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, Teter, Brooks, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Motion carried.