

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
July 13, 2015

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on July 13, 2015 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, Lynda Baumbach, John O'Dea, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Steve Daffer.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Jolene Miller, and Don & Donna Behnke.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

John O'Dea reported on his son, Jake's, placing in two events at the Nebraska Junior Olympics in Omaha and participation at the six-state regional meet in Ames, Iowa.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 board meeting. Ayes: Baumbach, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea to approve an increase of \$.50 in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2015-2016 school year. This motion died to lack of a second.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Baumbach, to approve an increase of \$.25 in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2015-2016 school year. Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 lunch prices will be \$2.70, and breakfast prices will be \$1.80. Grade 7 through Grade 12 lunch prices will be \$3.30, and adult lunch prices will be \$3.60 per Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services recommendations. Milk prices will remain at \$.30 cents per carton. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

After a discussion by board members, no action was taken on New Business Action Item 2. Activity pass prices will remain at \$20.00 for student passes, \$45.00 for adult passes, and \$85.00 for family passes for the 2015-2016 school year.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to adopt the revised Board Policies named in New Business Action Items 3-15 which includes Board Policy 2005 - Conflict of Interest, Board Policy 2006 - Complaint Procedure, Board Policy 2008 - Meetings, Board Policy 3003 - Bid Letting and Contracts, Board Policy 4025 - Superintendent, Board Policy 4058 - Confidentiality in Counseling and Guidance, Board Policy 5014 - Homeless Students, Board Policy 5023 - Student Illness, Board Policy 5026 - Sex Equality in the Education Program, Board Policy 5027 - Sexual Harassment of Students by Other Students, Board Policy 5050 - School Wellness Policy,

Board Policy 5057 - Parental Involvement in the Title I Program, and Board Policy 6008 - Class Rank, Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to adopt new Board Policy 6009 - Grade Placement of Transfer Students. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

Current Board Policies - 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, Board Policy 5054 -Student Bullying, and Board Policy 6020 - Multicultural Education were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to adopt new Board Policy 5066 - Bed Bugs. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the 2015-2016 Elementary Student Handbook with changes presented by Principal Latta. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the 2015-2016 Junior-Senior High Student Handbook. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the 2015-2016 Employee Handbook with updates to the staff and lunch prices. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

New Business Action Item 22 was tabled until more detailed information could be gathered from the bid submitted by K-C Motor & Electric for the addition of electrical service to the elementary building allowing more service options in the classrooms. Board members offered names of additional vendors to contact regarding the submission of bids.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the extension of the position with Natalie Meyers from an 11-month to a 12-month employee as Building Secretary to Building Secretary and Administrative Office Secretary for the 2015-2016 school year. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter discussed his attendance at the PLC Convention in San Antonio, Texas, installation of some carpet in the shop area to prevent slippage, attendance and implementation of information obtained at a workshop by PCH & G Attorneys-at-Law concerning the Affordable Care Act, gym floor refinishing, needed repairs to damaged flooring in the gym, the status of re-construction of the former band room at 103 W. Nebraska Street to a bus garage, anticipated pour of concrete for elementary sidewalks, delivery of building materials for the elementary storage building, quotes for sod installation at the elementary site, and upcoming NCSA Administrators' Days and NASB Membership Workshops.

Principal Latta reported on the enrollment of six elementary students.

Principal Springer discussed the decrease of a bus route for the upcoming school year and new instructor orientation.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Daffer. 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 10, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.