

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
July 13, 2026

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:44 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: John O'Dea, Jason Neseth, Brooke Brooks, Duane Teter, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principals Tara Fries and Mike Tines, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Jennifer McConville and Derek Meyers.

Visitors: Sasha Burton, Sagan Downer, and Jason Kloepping.

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to excuse absent board members, Derek Meyers and Jennifer McConville. Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, Brooks, and Meyers. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Brooks, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmens Bank in Bartley, the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, 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.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2026, board meeting. Ayes: Brooks, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Abstained: Neseth. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to approve revisions to Policy 3057 Title IX, 4017 Relations with Employee Collective Bargaining Associations, 4019 Workplace Injury Prevention and Safety Committee, 4056 Resignation of Certified Staff, and 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to approve revisions to Policy 5003 Admission of Part-Time Students, 5004 Option Enrollment, 5035 Student Discipline, 5048 Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis), and 6009 Grade Placement and Academic Credits of Transfer Students. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Neseth, to approve adoption of Policy 4065 Staff Use of AI Tools, Student Use of AI Tools, and 6046 Right to Access to School Library Materials. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to approve revisions to the Special Education Procedures. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to approve General Fund transfers of \$20,000.00 in July and \$50,000.00 in September to the School Nutrition Fund. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the transfer of \$70,000.00 from the General Fund to the Athletic portion of the Activities Fund. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to approve the 2026-2027 Staff, Student, and Activities Handbooks. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and McConville. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter discussed custodial projects and budget planning.

Tara Fries discussed a two-year HMH Math curriculum for elementary students with the board members.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers and 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 17, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.