Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
July 14, 2014

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. on July 14, 2014 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Steve McConville, Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Steve Daffer, Principals Matt Springer and Kathy Latta, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Kevin Potthoff and Tom Sughroue.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Jolene Miller, John O’Dea, and Jason Kloeping.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.


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.

Individuals attending the meeting were allowed to make comments.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the honors of Southwest wrestling camp participants during the past month.


Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff and Sughroue. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve an increase of $.25 in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2014-2015 school year. Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 lunch prices will be $2.45 and breakfast prices will be $1.55, and Grade 7 through Grade 12 lunch prices will be $3.05 in accordance with the National School Lunch Program: School Food Service Account Revenue Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Ayes: S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Potthoff and Sughroue. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the changes in the Articles of Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of Southwest Public Schools Foundation, Article VIII, Board of Directors, Item B. Ayes: S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the price of activity passes remain at $20.00 for student passes, $45.00 for adult passes, and $85.00 for family passes for the 2014-2015 school year.


New Business Action Item 19 concerning sound and projector equipment upgrades in the Junior-Senior High School Gymnasium was tabled until more quotes could be obtained.

The Board agreed to the creation of a recognition plaque for high school student’s academic achievement, with criteria at the discretion of the administration.

The Board discussed teacherage repairs with the consensus for receiving quotes for window and roof replacements.

Superintendent Porter informed the Board of two sites of NASB Membership Meetings in August and September, elementary restroom renovation progress, Junior-Senior High building repairs, gym floor refinishing, and progress of the maintenance staff.

Principal Springer discussed distribution of school calendars at the State Bank of Bartley and Adams Bank & Trust, thanking them for sponsoring the printing costs. The possible purchase of additional bus cameras and a bus purchase was discussed. A Back-To-School Staff-Board picnic is being planned.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue and Potthoff. 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 11, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.