

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
July 15, 2024

Vice-President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on July 15, 2024 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Brooke Brooks, Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, Jason Kloeping, Superintendent Drew Billeter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Jason Neseth and John O'Dea.

Visitors: Emma Rasmussen.

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

Vice-President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmens Bank Bartley Branch, 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 Kloeping, seconded by McConville, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 board meeting. Ayes: Teter, Brooks, McConville, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to adopt Board Policies 3032 Fees for School District Records, 3060 Firearms and Weapons for Non-Students, 4054 Reporting Child or Neglect, 5059 Emergency Medical Treatment, 6039 Repeat of Grade at Parent-Guardian Request, 6041 Malcolm X Day Education, 6042 Projection Maps, and 6043 Mapping Data. Ayes: Teter, McConville, Kloeping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Policy 6040 Prekindergarten Preschool or Early Childhood Program was tabled until the August Board Meeting.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by McConville, to adopt revised Board Policies 2006 Complaint Procedure, 2008 Meetings, 2009 Public Participation at Board Meetings, 3016 Smoking and Related Products, 3017 Official Communication with the Public, 3053 Nondiscrimination, 4011 Employee Leave Under the Family and Medical Leave Act FMLA, 4053 Conflict of Interest, 5004 Option Enrollment, 5005 Transportation, 5011 Physical Examination and Visual Evaluation of Students, 5025 Student Insurance, 5035 Student Discipline, 5052 School Wellness, 5066 Bed Bugs, 6031 Emergency Exclusion, and 6036 Reading Instruction and Intervention Services. Ayes: Teter, Kloeping, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to adopt revised Board Policy 5045 Student Fees. Lunch, breakfast, and milk prices for the 2024-2025 school year are as follows: Pre-kindergarten through Grade Five lunch prices will be \$3.10, and breakfast prices will be \$2.15 for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 students. Grade 6 through Grade 12 lunch prices have been set at \$3.60, and adult lunch prices are \$4.25. Milk prices remain at \$.35 per carton. Ayes: McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the 2024-2025 activity pass prices as follows: student passes \$25.00, adult passes \$50.00, and family passes \$100.00. Ayes: Brooks, Teter, McConville, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve the current payment of \$150.00 per day for substitute teachers remain the same for the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes: Brooks, Teter, McConville, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Brooks, to approve the student and activity handbooks as presented for the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes: McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the 2024-2025 Staff Handbooks as presented. Ayes: Teter, McConville, Kloeping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Brooks, to approve a teacher contract for Stephanie Hansen as an elementary music instructor. Ayes: Brooks, Teter, McConville, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve a teacher contract for Alyssa Garrett as an elementary special education instructor. Ayes: McConville, Kloeping, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter discussed the status and excellent job by custodians on the buildings and grounds this Summer, final application of sealant to the masonry at the junior-senior high building, the current refinishing of the district gym floors and completion of shot clock installation, completion of the elementary rubber mulch project, the current task of installing window guards on the commons windows at the junior-senior high school building, district installation of classroom flat panel displays, arrival of elementary reading curriculum and training, and attendance at a budget meeting on July 16 in North Platte and Administrators Days in Kearney July 26-28.

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 12, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School Library in Bartley.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by Kloeping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Ayes: Teter, Kloeping, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Neseth. Motion carried.