President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on July 8, 2013 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present:  Tom Sughroue, Kevin Potthoff, Steve McConville, Steve Daffer, Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Principal Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors:  Don and Donna Behnke, Linda Clark, Bernard Walz, Mary Marsh, and Cody Gerloch.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented.  Ayes:  O. McConville, Sughroue, Daffer, Potthoff, Teter, and S. McConville.  Nays:  None.  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.


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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to approve the dairy products bid from Roberts Dairy for the 2013-’14 school year.  Ayes:  O. McConville, S. McConville, Teter, Potthoff, Sughroue, and Daffer.  Nays:  None.  Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to raise the 2013-2014 Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 lunch price by 5 cents to $2.25 and the Grade 7 through Grade 12 lunch price by 10 cents to $2.80 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:  O. McConville, Teter, Potthoff, S. McConville, Sughroue, and Daffer.  Nays:  None.  Motion carried.

Following a discussion of the possibility of refinancing the district’s qualified capital purchase bond with Ameritas Investment Corp., the Board authorized Jay Spearman to continue to monitor interest rates over the next few months and lock in a rate to save the district at least $50,000.00.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the new HDTV cable package with Pinpoint Communications allowing television access to classrooms at the junior-senior high building.  Ayes:  S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff.  Nays:  None.  Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Potthoff, to approve a change to the 2013-2014 school calendar by hosting the RPAC Play Production contest on November 20, 2013 at the junior-senior high building. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the 2013-2014 Staff Handbook as presented. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, Potthoff, S. McConville, Sughroue, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to approve Payment Application #9 from EAD Constructors, Inc. less $1,000.00 or $74,336.68 as advised by W Design Associates pending completion of the project. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Following discussion of the price of 2013-2014 activity passes, the Board agreed that no increase in prices will be made with student activity passes selling at a price of $20.00, adult activity passes at a price of $45.00, and family activity passes at a price of $85.00.

Superintendent Porter reported on summer maintenance, introductions to staff and community, workshop attendance, and delayed implementation of the health care mandate.

Principal Springer reported on coach bus repairs, football field fencing, bus routes, an elementary ice machine purchase, and maintenance updates.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, O. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. 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 12, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.