

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
June 14, 2021

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:37 p.m. on June 14, 2021 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, John O'Dea, Jason Kloeping, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Brooke Brooks and Jason Neseth.

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp and Mindy Haag.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda with the addition of Item 14 under New Business, Action Items. Ayes: McConville, Kloeping, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth and Brooks. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting were posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, State Bank of Bartley in Bartley, 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 O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, Kloeping, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Neseth and Brooks. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Superintendent Porter discussed items that may be purchased with the American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERS III) and added that patrons and parents could enter their ideas and comments on the school website.

Athletic and Activities Director Les Roggenkamp informed board members that girls' wrestling has been added as an NSAA approved sport for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline as to whether to approve this sport at Southwest Public Schools is September 1. Mr. Roggenkamp explained that female wrestlers would only be able to compete against other female wrestlers if the sport is approved. Girls wrestling district and state competitions will be held.

Board Member Jason Neseth arrived at the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

After a discussion involving Superintendent Porter, school board members, and Haag Insurance Representative Mindy Haag concerning changes being implemented by EMC Insurance and reviewing the increased coverage, decreased deductibles, and lower premiums offered by ALICAP, O'Dea made a motion, which was seconded by McConville, to approve the quote from ALICAP as the provider for school property, automobile, liability, and workers' compensation insurance as an obligation to taxpayers for frugal use of district funds. The district is entering into an interlocal agreement with other public entities to participate in the NASB All Lines Interlocal Cooperative Aggregate Pool (otherwise referred to as ALICAP) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, Nebraska Statute 44-4301. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Teter, O'Dea, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to appoint R. Todd Porter, Superintendent of Schools, as the authorized representative for all local, state, and federal programs and documents as of July 1, 2021. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the appointment of Jordan Lewis, Junior-Senior High School Counselor, as the Title IX Coordinator as of July 1, 2021. Ayes: McConville, Kloeping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve participation in the state and federal hot lunch program with R. Todd Porter, Superintendent of Schools, as the hearing officer as of July 1, 2021. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, McConville, Kloeping, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve Superintendent R. Todd Porter to transact business on behalf of the district at financial institutions as of July 1, 2021. Ayes: McConville, Kloeping, O'Dea, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to appoint Patricia Smith and Natalie Meyers as the Recording Secretaries for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, McConville, Kloeping, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Kloeping, to appoint Matt Springer, Secondary Principal, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received from students in Grades 7-12. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, McConville, Kloeping, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by McConville, to appoint Tara Fries, Elementary Principal, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received from students in Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6. Ayes: McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the 2021-2022 adult lunch prices at \$4.00 each. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, O'Dea, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by McConville, to approve the quote from Ron Nelson Construction in the amount of \$80,850.00 for installation of cabinets and countertops at the elementary building. Ayes: Teter, Kloeping, McConville, O'Dea, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

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

Moved by McConville, seconded by Neseth, to approve the purchase of a new district math curriculum in the amount of \$44,505.23 using federal ESSERS II funding. Ayes: Neseth, Teter, McConville, O'Dea, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve the purchase of an elementary freezer and installation for \$9,500.00 from Rick's Heating & AC. Ayes: Neseth, Teter, McConville, O'Dea, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported on his plans to attend the Western Nebraska Administrators Retreat, beginning the 2021-2022 budget process, progress on the ESSERS III Part I (Grant Assurances) and Part 2 regarding categories and budgeting, and the continuing search for a junior-senior high school custodian.

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, July 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Ayes: McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, Teter, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.