

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
June 16, 2025

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 16, 2025 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jennifer McConville, Jason Neseth, Brooke Brooks, Duane Teter, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principal Tara Fries, and Krista Kennedy.

Absent: John O'Dea and Derek Meyers.

Visitors: Emma Rasmussen from Valley Voice and Les Roggenkamp.

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by Teter, seconded by McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Meyers 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 Brooks, seconded by McConville, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 Board Meeting. Ayes: Teter, Brooks, McConville, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Meyers. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Teter, seconded by McConville, to approve the revisions for Policy (1002 Creation, Amendment and Distribution of Policies) (2006 Compliant Procedure) (3003 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Site Improvement) (3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds) (3026 Handbooks) (3047 Data Breach Response) (3057 Title IX) (4051 Staff and District Social Media Use) (4057 Superintendent Evaluation) (4059 Behavioral and Mental Health Training) (5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism) (5016 Student Records) (6031 Emergency Exclusion) (6034 Concussion Awareness). Ayes: McConville, Brooks, Teter, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Meyers. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by McConville, to approve revisions to Policy 4040. Ayes: McConville, Brooks, Teter, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Meyers. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by Teter, to approve the Apple quote in the amount of \$5,678 to replace iPads for Grades K-2 students, utilizing Depreciation Funds. Ayes: McConville, Brooks, Teter, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Meyers. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve the quote from Restaurant Supply in the amount of \$19,172 for the purchase of an elementary cafeteria serving table. Ayes: McConville, Brooks, Teter, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Meyers. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter reported on the Bank Donation Options. Stockmen's Bank and Adams Bank would like to generously give the school \$20,000 each for a total of \$40,000. Suggestions for use of the funds would be new scoreboards, wall mats, or a video board. Video board could be used for programs, graduation, and to highlight sponsors/banks/etc.

Colonial Life Term Life Insurance for Southwest Staff could be available for all Employee's that average 20 hours a week. Each employee would be eligible for \$10,000 worth of life insurance coverage for \$2 a month. Billeter suggested the school would cover that cost, assuming 75 employees would be eligible, the total would be around \$1800 a year.

Principal Tara Fries said summer school is in full swing. Fries would like to revisit the Preschool acceptance guidelines. If a preschooler has siblings in older grades that have attended Southwest Public Schools, they would possibly be accepted into Preschool regardless of numbers.

Moved by Teter, seconded by McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Ayes: McConville, Brooks, Teter, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and Meyers. 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, July 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.