

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
June 8, 2015

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on June 8, 2015 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, Lynda Baumbach, Steve Daffer, John O'Dea, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, and Don & Donna Behnke.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Daffer, O. McConville, Baumbach, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. 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.

Superintendent Porter voiced appreciation to the Young Guns for organizing the June 6 Bartley Days Celebration.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by Daffer, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015 board meeting. Ayes: Daffer, Baumbach, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Kathy Latta, Elementary Principal, revised the preschool application process and forms. The Board was presented with two options concerning children of staff as a part of the selection criteria. After discussion, a motion was made by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to approve Option B with date of birth as the tiebreaker for the multi-level admission protocol for the 2016-2017 school year. Ayes: Teter, Daffer, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, 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, 2015. Ayes: O'Dea, O. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, J. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to appoint R. Todd Porter, Superintendent of Schools, as the Title IX compliance officer as of July 1, 2015. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, 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, 2015. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve Superintendent R. Todd Porter to transact business on behalf of the district at financial institutions as of July 1, 2015. Ayes: J. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, to appoint Patricia Smith as the Recording Secretary for the 2015-2016 school year. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, 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. McConville, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to appoint Kathy Latta, Elementary Principal, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received from students in Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6. Ayes: J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, O. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the contract of Diane Deselms as .5 FTE elementary counselor and .5 FTE elementary instructor for the 2015-2016 school year. Ayes: Teter, Daffer, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter discussed the elementary sidewalk and storage building project, carpet installation in entries at both building sites, bus garage project at the Bartley site, the June 5 School Law Conference, the June 8 Business Officials Workshop, and the National Professional Learning Communities Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Principal Latta updated the board members on the average number of elementary students attending Summer School.

Principal Springer discussed Summer School attendance and course recovery, letters mailed to parents of junior-high students failing core subjects suggesting retainage at current grade level, and distribution of 2015-2016 school year calendars to the Adams Bank and Trust and State Bank of Bartley for distribution and thanked them for supporting the school by paying the printing costs.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O. McConville. 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, July 13, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.