

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
March 10, 2014

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. on March 10, 2014 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

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

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Linda Clark, Don Ellicott, Mary Shirkey, Jody Hyke, Don and Donna Behnke, Dave McConville, and Jason Kloepping.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Potthoff, O. McConville, Sughroue, Daffer, S. McConville, 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 reviewed the honors and awards of Southwest students during the past month.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the February 10, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Sughroue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to purchase a 2014 Toyota Camry for \$19,866.00 from Wagner Toyota, according to the direction of the Transportation Committee. Ayes: S. McConville, Teter, Sughroue, Daffer, Potthoff, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to approve and publish the revised bid advertisement for the elementary restroom project, now divided into three separate projects, as suggested by David Wilson of W Design Associates. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, Daffer, O. McConville, Potthoff, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to go into closed session to discuss personnel to protect the needless injury to the reputation of individuals at 7:54 p.m. President Teter repeated the motion, and the Board voted. Ayes: S. McConville, Teter, Sughroue, Daffer, Potthoff, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter declared the end of closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the pay rate of \$9,500.00 for the contract of the Activity Director for the 2014-2015 school year. Ayes: Potthoff, Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to approve the 2014-2015 substitute teacher pay rate at \$100/day. Ayes: Potthoff, Sughroue, S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the contract of Joy Farr as a junior-senior high Language Arts instructor for the 2014-2015 school year. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on New Business, Action Item 6, as there were no certified staff resignations.

Jody Hyke, Technology Coordinator, addressed the board on several options to fulfill the upcoming computer needs of students and staff. Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the purchase of computers and equipment to meet the annual computer purchase of \$30,000. Ayes: Sughroue, Daffer, S. McConville, Potthoff, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter thanked Brooks Construction for removing the football concession stand at no charge to the district. He reported on conferences he attended during the past month and discussed upcoming conferences. He also reported on current legislative issues.

Principal Springer discussed the recent purchase of a plasma cutter for the ag department and recent projects, delivery of the football concession stand and contractors' work, the status of the 2014-2015 class enrollment project, and review of graduation requirements and possible re-instatement of class salutatorian and valedictorian.

Principal Baumbach discussed kindergarten orientation, a pre-testing pep rally and completion of MAPS testing, upcoming NeSA testing, and field trips.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, Daffer, Potthoff, Teter, 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, April 14, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.