

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
March 14, 2022

President Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on March 14, 2022 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, Brooke Brooks, John O'Dea, Jason Neseth, Jason Kloeping, Superintendent Todd Porter, Principal Matt Springer, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: N/A

Visitors: Patrick and Pamela Minary, Michelle O'Dea

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Teter, McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, 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 Kloeping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, Kloeping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve the Resolution on School District Standards for Rejection of Option Enrollment Applications for the 2022-2023 school year, keeping option enrollment numbers as they currently are by capping elementary classes at 20 students, Grades 7-12 at 40 students, and no new special education students requiring specific academic and behavioral support (program full). Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, McConville, Neseth, Brooks, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item #2 Tabled due to no teacher resignations at this time.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve offering all returning teachers a contract for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by the Administration. Ayes: Teter, Kloeping, McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to hire NRCSA to perform the Superintendent search for the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Teter, Kloeping, McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item #5 possible sale of school land declared as surplus was tabled and will be discussed in executive session.

Superintendent Porter reported he has started looking at the budget for next year and he stated the school district financials look very promising for the next year. He did mention that the district will need to look at raising the lunch price for students next year if the free lunch program is not offered. Mr. Porter informed the board that himself, Mr. Springer, and Mrs. Fries will be attending the NRCSA Conference in Kearney Thursday and Friday of this week.

Principal Springer reported for Mrs. Fries that there were 29 Kindergarteners who attended Kindergarten orientation last week. He informed the board there will be a motivational speaker coming to the elementary and high school on March 28th. The speaker will touch on subjects such as self-worth and positive attitudes.

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 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Pamela Minary addressed the board concerning a disciplinary issue.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloepping, to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss procedures needed for possible sale of school land (property) declared as surplus. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, Brooks, Teter, McConville, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter closed executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve Old West Realty to market the surplus property as 3 residential lots. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Ayes: Teter, McConville, O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Motion carried.