

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
March 16, 2026

President Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 6:31 p.m. on March 16, 2026, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jennifer McConville, Derek Meyers, Jason Neseth, Brooke Brooks, Duane Teter, John O'Dea Superintendent Drew Billeter, and Krista Kennedy.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Cris Charley and Hillery Kennedy

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmen's 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 McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2026, Board Meeting. Ayes: Teter, Brooks, Meyers, McConville, O'Dea and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve the resignation of Mrs. Chelsea Vogel. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, Brooks, Teter, Meyers, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Meyers, to approve the resignation of Mrs. Chelsea Santana. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Neseth, Brooks, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Meyers, to approve the principal contract for Mr. Mike Tines. Ayes: O'Dea, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the teaching contract for Mrs. Lesa Tines. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve the teaching contract for Mrs. Laura Nokes. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the teaching contract for Miss Joann Neel. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by McConville, to approve selling the 1997 MCI coach bus. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to approve selling surplus items. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Meyers, to approve purchasing 70 Chromebooks for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders using REAP funds. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by O'Dea, to approve quote from Unitech to refinish all 3 gym floors. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to approve the teaching contract for Mr. Brennan Jackson. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the teaching contract for Miss Hannah Wassenburger. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter reported on the 2026 NRCSA Spring Conference he will attend, held in Kearney. NSCA State Testing will begin in the upcoming weeks for students. Class schedules are being worked on for the 2026-2027 school year. Kindergarten Orientation will be held on March 30, 2026.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Meyers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, McConville, Neseth, Meyers, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: 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 13, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.