

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
March 9, 2015

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. on March 9, 2015 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

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

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerloch, Don & Donna Behnke, Jody Hyke, and Jason Kloepping.

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 informed the Board of Julia Holdcroft's second place finish in the Braille Challenge Competition, the NHS \$250 donation to Cystic Fibrosis raising money via "Hat Day", results of the NCTA FFA Competition, and participation in the Community Hospital Career Discovery Days Event.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Daffer, Baumbach, O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, 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.

No motion was made to change the substitute teacher pay rate for the 2015-2016 school year. The rate remains at \$100/day.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the resignation of Joy Farr effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Ayes: Teter, Daffer, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve the resignation of Brittany McConville effective March 20, 2015. Ayes: Teter, Daffer, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jody Hyke, Technology Coordinator, presented the district's immediate computer update needs for 44 staff laptops and three desktops. Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the quote from Gov Connection to purchase 47 computers in the amount of \$40,845.94. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to use the balance of the budgeted annual computer buy to purchase iPads for the elementary school. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business Action Item 5, Discussion and appropriate action on non-certified pay and the elementary principal's salary for the 2015-2016 school year was tabled until the end of the meeting.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the detailed list of district maintenance projects discussed by the Building and Grounds Committee at their recent meeting. Quotes and information is being assembled to update the board on the time span and costs of various projects.

Principal Springer discussed attempts at obtaining quotes for a commercial lawn mower for the district. Bids for three John Deere mowers have been obtained. The item was tabled until the April meeting in an effort to obtain quotes and possible leasing and warranty information from additional vendors.

Superintendent Porter reported on the March 12 UNL College of Education meeting to discuss preparation of students for jobs in the education field, the upcoming NRCSA Spring Conference, New Evaluation for Schools workshop, state aid certification, and information concerning oaths from KSB School Law.

Principal Latta reported on the Southwest Schools Foundation donation of \$500 for the Backpack Project following the Elementary Dessert Theatre, MAPS testing, Parent-Teacher Conference participation, Kindergarten Orientation, restroom renovation progress, and the upcoming March 26 Family Literacy Night and poster designed by Brooke Ruggles.

Principal Springer reported on cancellation of the junior high musical scheduled for Thursday, March 19, MAPS testing, numbers of high school track and golf participants, recent junior high students' parental mailing regarding students' educational achievements, and his recent attendance at the PLC National Conference.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Daffer, to enter closed session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss the elementary principal and non-certified staff wages for the 2015-2016 school year for the protection of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. The motion was restated, and the board voted. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 10:02 p.m.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to offer Kathy Latta a contract for the 2015-2016 school year. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the base hourly non-certified rate of \$10.65 and increase the present non-certified employees hourly/daily rates by 3%. Ayes: Teter, O. McConville, Baumbach, O'Dea, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Abstained: Daffer. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 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, April 13, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.