

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
May 10, 2021

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on May 10, 2021 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, State Bank of Bartley in Bartley, Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley and published in the Valley Voice newspaper. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the April 12th, 2021 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Kloeping, Teter, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Mr. Porter discussed options on the use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERSIII). He explained that there will be information on our website for patrons to make suggestions on the use of funds as well.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve a contract for Ashley Ryan as a Preschool Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve a contract for Carrie Smith for Elementary Guidance Counselor for 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by O'Dea, to approve a contract for Kenzie Rice for Elementary Art/Intervention Instructor for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by McConville, to approve an increase of substitute teachers pay rate to \$135.00 a day and long-term substitute teachers pay rate to 1.5 times the regular sub pay after 10 consecutive days for the same teacher retroactive to day six for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported graduation went very well and wanted to congratulate the Class of 2021. He informed the board that we will be offering free summer lunch starting May 24th and continuing through June 30th at both buildings. In June, Mr. Porter will be attending a school law conference where he will get more direction on the ESSERS grant along with other updates on school law procedures.

Principal Fries reported that elementary school is finishing MAPS testing and NSCAS testing for the school year. She stated that she anticipates growth in many of the students scores when comparing them to the fall test scores. Mrs. Fries informed the board the elementary currently has about 16 students signed up for summer school.

Principal Springer reported the school year activities are finish up the next two weeks with district track and district golf being held soon. He voiced that the school is in need of route bus drivers and activity bus drivers for the 2021-2022 school year. He explained if there is anyone even somewhat interested to give him a call at the high school. Summer school letters for the high school level have also been mailed out and we are awaiting confirmation phone calls.

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, June 14th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Ayes: McConville, O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Motion carried.