

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
May 11, 2026

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

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

Absent: None.

Visitors: Jason Kloepping, Sasha Burton, Sagan Downer and Mel Bjork-Cooper.

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmens Bank in Bartley, the 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 Teter, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, board meeting. Ayes: Meyers, Neseth, Brooks, Teter, McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Meyers, to approve the renewal of a two-year coop agreement with McCook and Hitchcock County Public Schools for girls' and boys' swimming and diving. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Meyers, Neseth, Brooks, and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter discussed the May 19 staff retirement and farewell celebration scheduled for 2:15 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School. Summer maintenance projects and the results of surplus item sales were also discussed. Summer school will be in session in June, and some 2026-2027 school year updates were also mentioned.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, McConville, Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, and Teter. 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, June 15, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.