Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
May 12, 2014

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 2014 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present:  Tom Sughroue, Steve McConville, Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Kevin Potthoff, Steve Daffer, Principals Lynda Baumbach and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent:  None.

Visitors:  Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Don Ellicott, Linda Clark, Jody Hyke, Don and Donna Behnke, Julie Ellis, Jason Kloepping, John O’Dea, and Dave McConville.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes:  Potthoff, Daffer O. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, 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.

Individuals attending the meeting were allowed to make comments.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the honors and awards of Southwest students during the past month.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the April 14, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes:  O. McConville, Teter, S. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, and Sughroue. Nays:  None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes:  S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, and Teter. Nays:  None. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.


Moved by O. McConville, seconded by S. McConville, to declare as surplus, according to Board Policy 3019 Sale or Disposal of School Property, a 1999 GMC K1500 suburban, cafeteria trays, and 35 mm cameras and accessories. Ayes:  Potthoff, Sughroue, S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays:  None. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the purchase of laptop computers in the amount of $87,176.12 for the one-to-one project for Grade 7-12 students for the 2014-2015 school year. Ayes:  Sughroue, Potthoff, S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays:  None. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the relocation of the elementary security camera monitor at a cost of $1,413.51. Ayes:  Sughroue, Potthoff S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays:  None. Motion carried. Bids will be solicited for security camera upgrades and entry systems and for adding additional bus cameras.
Superintendent Porter discussed changing the landscaping design at the junior-senior high school for easier maintenance, and the Board was in agreement.

Superintendent Porter discussed registration for the School Law Seminar, elementary lawn maintenance, maintenance concerns of the southeast entrance of the junior-senior high gym, elementary restroom renovation, and upgrading to a commercial water heater system in the elementary building. Mr. Porter thanked volunteers for a successful elementary field day and also thanked the custodial/maintenance staff for their help in preparing the buildings and grounds for the field day and graduation.

Principal Baumbach thanked the high school track coaches and team members for their work during the elementary field day. She discussed recent field trips, summer school, and upcoming student rewards for the Accelerated Reading Program.

Principal Springer discussed the finalization of the summer drivers’ education course, summer school, AR student rewards, the 2014-2015 junior-senior high class schedule, semester tests, and the retirement party for Linda Clark on May 15 at 4:00 p.m. He thanked Murry Weiss for his labor donation to install the concession stand cabinets and countertops and John and Michelle O’Dea for donating the hamburgers for the elementary field day.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, Daffer, Potthoff, Teter, 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, June 9, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.