President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on May 14th, 2018 at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jenni McConville, Jason Kloepping, Jason Neseth, Principal Kathy Latta, Principal Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Ondrea McConville and John O'Dea

Visitors: Diane Deselms, Treven Critchfield, Melissa Critchfield, Avery McConville, Crinda McConville, Nathan Rippe, Janet Rippe, and Cody Gerlach

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.


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

Mrs. Deselms had three students, Treven Critchfield, Nathan Rippe, and Avery McConville, from the Rockin’ Riders group talk to the board about their group and school projects they did during this year. These included a handwriting contest, coloring contest, and an egg coloring contest. The Rockin’ Riders also donated items to the food pantry and humane society for community service projects.

Awards & Recognition-We had 6 State Track Qualifiers leaving on Thursday.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the April 9th, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Kloepping, J. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O. McConville and O'Dea. Motion carried. Abstained: Neseth

Ondrea McConville entered at 7:45 pm.


The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.


Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the bid from Samway in the amount of $6,075.00 to add carpet from the entry way to the library, and add carpet to the weight room and wrestling room hallway. Ayes: Kloeppeing, O. McConville, J. McConville, Neseth, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter thanked the board for participating in Graduation and reported the ceremony went very well. Mr. Porter will be attending the School Law seminar on June 15th and also a Mental Health Seminar in schools later in June as well. Summer School will be starting the first week of June. The Southwest Public School Foundation donated $12,825.00 to the school for the track project that was completed last summer. This donation was welcomed and Southwest Schools appreciates all those who donated to this project.

Principal Latta reported elementary field day was today. The elementary is getting ready for summer maintenance and summer school. Mrs. Latta reported we have some students leaving the district but we will have some additional students next year.

Principal Springer reported the addition to the shop project has started and concrete will be poured this week. He wanted to thank the track team and staff for all their help today for the Elementary Field day. Mr. Springer informed the board that we cancelled the mini bus purchase that was to be delivered in February because the company was unable to fulfill our requests. He suggested to wait to order a replacement until the new rules and regulations for transportation come available from the Department of Education.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by J. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Ayes: Teter, J. McConville, Kloeppeing, Neseth, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. 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 11th, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.