

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
May 13, 2019

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on May 13, 2019 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, Ondrea McConville, Jason Kloeping, Jason Neseth, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: John O'Dea.

Visitors: Jenna Ebbers, Don and Donna Behnke, Ben and Nicole Springer, Jody Hyke, and Lynn Harris.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to excuse absent board member, John O'Dea. Ayes: J. McConville, O. McConville, Kloeping, Teter, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

Ben and Nicole Springer addressed the Board of Education during the Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors segment of the meeting.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the April 8, 2019 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, Kloeping, Teter, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

John O'Dea arrived at the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, requesting the school board go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter to avoid the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Ayes: O'Dea, J. McConville, Neseth, O. McConville, Teter, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter restated the motion that the school board would go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter to avoid the needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 7:47 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:05 p.m. No action was taken.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the purchase of a school-wide English/Language Arts curriculum and staff professional development training from the American Reading Program that follows the Nebraska Department of Education Standards. Ayes: O'Dea, J. McConville, Neseth, O. McConville, Teter, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the resignation of Brooke Teel. Ayes: Neseth, Kloeping, O. McConville, Teter, O'Dea and J. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to offer a teaching contract to Chelsie Thayer for the 2019–2020 school year. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, Teter, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Neseth, to approve the purchase of a three-spindle wood shaper from Grizzly Industrial Inc. for the Industrial Technology Wood Shop program at a cost of \$5,795.00. Ayes: J. McConville, Neseth, O'Dea, Kloeping, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the renewal subscription with Edgenuity for an on-line supplemental reading and math curriculum at a cost of \$6,990.00. Ayes: J. McConville, Neseth, O'Dea, Kloeping, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the purchase of five touch screen monitors and installation for a cost of \$17,472.47 from KCAV. Ayes: J. McConville, Neseth, O'Dea, Kloeping, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported that Dylan Hofman qualified for the State Golf Meet, and Nicole Dewey, Kaden Guerrero, and Kailee Miller qualified for the State Track Meet. The last day of school for the 2018-2019 year will be on Thursday, May 16, with a teacher workday scheduled for Friday, May 17. The district's School Nutrition Program's inspection by the Nebraska Department of Education was conducted on Wednesday, April 10. Mr. Porter is planning to attend a School Law Seminar in June, and the principals will be ordering new curriculum supplies and scheduling training sessions on Tuesday, May 14.

Principal Latta thanked the Board for paying the cost of field trips for elementary students. She thanked Christian Arterburn and Les Roggenkamp for their work in scheduling the Elementary Field Day on Monday, May 13. The Aims Web testing has been completed, and Summer School is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 3.

Principal Springer reported that semester tests are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16. The coach buses have been scheduled for annual inspections and possible repairs.

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 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Teter, O'Dea, J. McConville, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.