President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:36 p.m. on May 10, 2013 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Kevin Potthoff, Steve McConville, Steve Daffer, Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Principals Carrie Rasmussen and Matt Springer, Superintendent Clayton Waddle, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Tom Sughroue.

Visitors: Linda Clark, Mary Marsh, and Cody Gerloch.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.


Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Potthoff, Teter, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue. 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.


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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to approve a $20,000.00 transfer to the Lunch Fund from the General Fund. Ayes: S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by O. McConville, to approve Payment Application #8 from EAD Constructors, Inc. in the amount of $31,844.60. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue. Motion carried.


Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to approve participation in the state and federal hot lunch program with R. Todd Porter, Superintendent of Schools, as the hearing officer as of July 1, 2013. Ayes: S. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue. Motion carried.


Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the resignation of Carrie Rasmussen as the elementary principal with appreciation for her service to the district. Ayes: Potthoff, S. McConville, Teter, Daffer, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue. Motion carried.


Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to appoint Matt Springer, Secondary Principal, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received from students in Grades 7-12. Ayes: Potthoff, S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to appoint Lynda Baumbach, Elementary Principal, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received from students in Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6. Ayes: S. McConville, Potthoff, Daffer, C. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue. Motion carried.

Action Item XII was tabled until after the administrators’ reports.

Superintendent Waddle distributed the district’s board policies to board members informing them of the need to update the 6000 series.

Principal Springer reported on the utilization of the A+ program during summer school, coach bus maintenance at Colby, KS, installation of chain link fencing around the football field and pipe railing for the parking lot, the purchase of ramps at both buildings to load and unload mowers and the skid steer, and the 1977 coach bus and welder sales on Big Iron.

Principal Rasmussen reported on the elementary Reading Mastery training, summer school enrollment, state writing results, and the principal transition.
Moved by Teter, seconded by Daffer, to enter into closed session, following a ten-minute recess, to discuss legal advice on contract interpretation for the protection of public interest at 8:20 p.m. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: S. McConville, Daffer, Potthoff, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Sughroue. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 9:33 p.m.


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, July 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.