President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. on May 13, 2013 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

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

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerloch, Linda Clark, Don and Donna Behnke, Don Ellicott, and Rudy Kennedy.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Sughroue, Potthoff, Teter, and S. McConville. 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 the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

Rudy Kennedy reported on the SWEAT (Southwest Exercising All Together) Elementary Program in coordination with Tri-Valley Health Systems. Elementary students may walk laps before school and after lunch each day. Mr. Kennedy records students’ laps and posts weekly results as they walk toward their goal, which is the distance between San Francisco and New York. School nurse, Mary Beth Eisenmenger, produces a BMI report card, which is mailed to parents.

Linda Clark thanked the Board and the Administrators for the activities planned during Staff Appreciation Week.

The Board was informed of the results of the High School State Quiz Bowl and the District Track Meet, State Track Meet qualifiers, Grade 2 AR accomplishments, and Keri Waddle has earned her Masters of Arts in Education from UNK.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the April 8, 2013 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, Daffer, Teter, O. McConville, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.
Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to approve Payment Application #7 from EAD Constructors, Inc. in the amount of $3,797.56. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Waddle discussed the district’s ineligibility for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, funded by a federal grant. The board will consider approval of a transfer from the General Fund in June to continue the program at the elementary and junior high level during the 2013-2014 school year.


Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the resignation of Keri Waddle effective at the end of the school year with appreciation for her two years of service to the district. Ayes: S. McConville, Teter, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to enter into closed session to discuss administration salaries for the protection of public interest at 8:03 p.m. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, Daffer, Potthoff, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Teter reconvened open session at 8:12 p.m.


Superintendent Waddle discussed the accreditation of Southwest Public Schools by the Nebraska Department of Education for the 2013-2014 school year, finalization of extra duty assignments, and celebration of Staff Appreciation Week from May 6-10. No bids were presented for the elementary handicapped accessibility restroom renovation project, which will allow financing plans to be established prior to the awarding of future bids. Superintendent Waddle also discussed a new state aid model before the legislature.

Principal Springer reported on the summer school program and schedule, AR Pizza Party, graduation ceremony and student pathways report by Chris Watt, coach bus maintenance, installation of pipe railing for the parking lot, 2013-’14 class schedule, finalization of school calendars donated by Adams
Bank & Trust and the State Bank of Bartley, and milk coolers supplied at each school site by Roberts Dairy for the 2013-2014 school year.

Principal Rasmussen reported on elementary AR results and activities, the release of District State Writing Assessment results on May 24, completion of testing with 100% participation, and preschool applications for 2013-2014.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, O. McConville, and Potthoff. 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 10, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.