

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
October 8, 2012

Vice-President Crinda McConville called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on October 8, 2012 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Tom Sughrue, Kevin Potthoff, Crinda McConville, Steve McConville, Steve Daffer, Principals Carrie Rasmussen and Matt Springer, Superintendent Clayton Waddle, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Duane Teter.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Rebecca Brittenham, Chris Watt, Kim Barnett, Don Ellicott, Mary Foster, Cassa McConville, Brooke Ruggles, and Ondrea McConville.

Vice-President McConville observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Sughrue, seconded by S. McConville, to excuse absent Board Member Duane Teter. Ayes: Potthoff, Sughrue, C. McConville, S. McConville, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

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

Cassa McConville and Brooke Ruggles reported on recent Student Council activities which consisted of Homecoming Week and the RPAC Student Council workshop.

Rebecca Brittenham, instrumental instructor, reported on the band's activities this school year with a PowerPoint presentation. The band participated in the Heritage Days and the Harvest of Harmony Parades. Ten students participated in a service project at Heritage Days with children's activities provided to introduce them to musical instruments.

Chris Watt, Grade 7-12 guidance counselor, reported on students' achievements. Kate Kelly is one of 48 students to be recognized as a Nebraska School Activities Association Believers and Achievers. The John Baylor Test Prep online classes are being used to improve ACT test scores. Southwest seniors will receive eight of twenty RPAC Academic Awards with ACT scores of 24 and above. Mr. Watt encourages students to apply for scholarships at two and four-year colleges.

The Board was informed of fourth grade students' recycling project of over 250 pounds of paper, the high school ag students' participation in a land judging competition, RPAC cross country meet results, and Haley Teter's qualification for the state girls' golf meet.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the September 10, 2012 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughrue, Potthoff, C. McConville, Daffer, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Matt Springer discussed the need for replacing the 1977 coach bus with the purchase of a used coach bus and the costs with the board. The board approved travel to Minnesota for Mr. Springer and a mechanic to shop for a used coach bus.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to declare as surplus a list of items as presented and added band instruments and stands, two 15-passenger vans and the 1923 building for the October 21, 2012 auction at 1:00 p.m.. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve Board Policy 6035 – Pledge of Allegiance as presented. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, C. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the enrollment option application for the child of Stephanie and Oscar Esperanza. Ayes: Daffer, Potthoff, S. McConville, C. McConville, and Sughroue. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to approve the enrollment option application for the child of Tammy Washa. Ayes: C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Superintendent Waddle discussed the ESU 15 inservice held on October 1 at the junior-senior high school, the auction of surplus property by Young's Auction Service on Sunday, October 21, at the 1923 building at 103 W. Nebraska St. in Bartley, updated the board on the 1923 building demolition project and preliminary work of relocation of utilities, and reported the approval and signing of the architect's contract .

Principal Springer reported on the upcoming FFA participation at the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, an update on the status of trees west of the junior-senior high building, hosting of the District C2 One Act Play Production on November 27, completion of the MAPS testing, P-T Conferences attendance, the anti-bullying presentation, and the approaching district and state fall sports season contests.

Principal Rasmussen thanked donors for donations to the elementary backpack program, Parent-Teacher Conference attendance of 95%, ESU 15 teacher inservice, and upcoming October events.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to enter into closed session to discuss possible litigation for the protection of public interest at 9:00 p.m. Vice-President McConville repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Sughroue, Daffer, C. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Vice-President McConville reconvened open session at 9:46 p.m.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, C. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. 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, November 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley followed by a Town Hall meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.