

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
November 13, 2017

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on November 13th, 2017 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Ondrea McConville, Jason Kloeping, John O'Dea, Jenni McConville, Duane Teter, Principal Matt Springer, Principal Kathy Latta, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp, Don and Donna Behnke, Jason Neseth

Don Behnke commented on how much he enjoyed the Veteran's Day Program and voiced his appreciation to the staff and students of Southwest Schools.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, O'Dea, J. McConville, Teter, and Kloeping. 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 all members prior to the meeting date.

Awards & Recognition-34 Art Students went to Lexington and Kearney on an Art Field Trip. The Academic Decathlon team went to Ravenna to a scrimmage and there were many students who placed in Math, Literature, and Art. FFA went to District 11 contests in Curtis. The Agri-Science team placed 2nd as well as the Natural Resources team.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the minutes of the October 9th, 2017 board meeting. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Kloeping, O. McConville, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve Jason Neseth as a new member of the Southwest Public School school board. Ayes: J. McConville, O. McConville, Teter, Kloeping, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jason Neseth signed the Oath of Office policy.

Les Roggenkamp, a member of the Crisis Response Team, presented information to the board about what the Crisis Response Team is, who is on the team, and the protocols that are put into place at the time of a crisis.

Mr. Porter presented the final 2016-2017 Financial Audit to the board. Approval of the Audit was tabled until the December 11th board meeting.

Mr. Porter commented on the Safety Inspection performed by the Department of Education. Discussion was tabled until the safety evaluation is available for review.

The board agreed on inviting the staff to a Staff Appreciation Supper that will be held on December 13th starting at 6:30 pm.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation and his 2018-2019 Contract. Ayes: J. McConville, Kloepping, O'Dea, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Neseth abstained. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported we are in need of a school nurse starting January 1st, 2018. Mr. Porter will be attending a State of Nebraska Education conference in LaVista November 15th through 17th. He will also be attending several other meetings in the next month including a Title I meeting in Trenton.

Principal Latta reported the Bartley and Indianola Volunteer Fire Departments presented at the Elementary school for fire safety month. Parent Teacher Conferences had 97% participation from parents. Five staff members were sent to a TDA Writing Workshop in Trenton with Ron Colinigo. She reported the Red Willow County Health Department nurses came to the elementary and high school to give flu shots to staff and family members of staff. She wanted to thank Donna Roggenkamp and Rose Hengen for their hard work in organizing the Veteran's Day Program. There will be a NESAs Medal Presentation in Bartley on November 21st to recognize those in 3rd-6th grade who performed outstanding on NESAs Testing.

Principal Springer reported he and Mrs. Hyke will be attending a meeting in Trenton on November 14th pertaining to state reporting of student behavior. The new Chevy Suburban arrived about 2 months early and has been in use. There was an auction held on November 11th, where the school sold some surplus items. He reported the High School Open House held on October 18th had a reasonable turn out and thanked the FFA for serving a meal.

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, December 11th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by J. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Ayes: J. McConville, Teter, O'Dea, Kloepping, Neseth, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.