

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
October 11, 2021

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on October 11, 2021 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, John O'Dea, Jason Kloeping, Jason Neseth, Superintendent Todd Porter, Principal Matt Springer, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Brooke Brooks.

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, State Bank of Bartley in Bartley, Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley and published in the Valley Voice newspaper and on the school website. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 board meeting and hearings as presented. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloeping, and McConville. Nays: None. Abstain: Teter and Neseth. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Principal Fries arrived at the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the Superintendent's Evaluation according to Board Policy 4057. Board members were instructed to complete the evaluation and return the document to President Teter as soon as possible.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve the request by the Southwest Education Association to recognize the Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2023-2024 contract year. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Teter, O'Dea, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by O'Dea, to add the option enrollment standards to the preschool application document, which states the district may refuse an out-of-district student that would cause the district to hire additional staff or buy special equipment, thereby increasing the district's operating costs. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, O'Dea, Kloeping, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

After discussing the letter received by the Cambridge Public Schools Board President, the Board instructed Superintendent Porter to inform Superintendent Gregory Shepard that the Southwest Schools Administrators and Board members are willing to set a meeting date to discuss collaborative opportunities.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the quote by K & K Service, Inc. in the amount of \$20,324.50 for the purchase of a Grasshopper lawn mower. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reminded the Board of the upcoming State Education Conference and the NASB meeting. Replacement of the junior-senior high school water heater and repair of the cooling tower was discussed. The junior-senior high school custodian position is still open.

Principal Fries informed the Board of the elementary inservice and upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences and the status of cabinet installation.

Principal Springer discussed the status of the new bus purchase and the junior-senior high school video and vaping system.

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 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola. A brief American Civics Committee Meeting will be held at 7:25 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting where public comment will be accepted.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Neseth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ayes: McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, Teter, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.