

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
October 14, 2013

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on October 14, 2013 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Tom Sughroue, Steve McConville, Kevin Potthoff, Steve Daffer, Ondrea McConville, Duane Teter, Principals Matt Springer and Lynda Baumbach, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Don Ellicott, Donna Behnke, and Mary Shirkey.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, Daffer, and Potthoff. 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.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the honors and awards of elementary and junior-senior high students during the past month.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the September 9, 2013 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Potthoff, Daffer, O. McConville, Teter, S. McConville, and Sughroue. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

The initial plan for the football concession/restroom project by David Wilson of W Design Associates was reviewed by the board. Due to the high construction cost estimates, no action was taken; and the item was tabled.

No action was taken on the purchase of a sign for the junior-senior high school until the location is finalized. This item was also tabled until a later meeting.

Superintendent Porter discussed the 2013-2014 projected RPAC school enrollment figures.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to adopt Board Policy 5064 - Title I Supplement, Not Supplant Policy. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Potthoff, to adopt Board Policy 5021 - Student Photograph and Video Policy. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, O. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Superintendent Evaluation process, in accordance with Board Policy 4057, was tabled until after the superintendent and principal reports.

Superintendent Porter attended two meetings discussing funding of public schools, the School Law Update Conference, the draft copy of the final financial report completed by the auditors, registration

for the State Education Conference in November, the upcoming Western Nebraska Administrators Meeting, the Professional Learning Community Conference in Arizona funded by ESU 15, and the district adjusted valuation report. Superintendent Porter reported on a request to use the Bartley practice gym for winter mens' basketball league.

Mary Shirkey reported on the IXL Math software downloaded to elementary computers and the school website for pre-K through grade six students to practice math facts with ties to the Nebraska standards. Ms. Shirkey also reported the finalization of MAPS testing at the elementary level. Principal Baumbach reported on an upcoming workshop to utilize data from NeSA test scores, the importance of professional learning communities, Parent-Teacher Conference participation, elementary activities, and teacher evaluations.

Principal Springer reported on bus driver training meetings, the status of NSSRS reporting, MAPS training, upcoming junior-senior high activities, Parent-Teacher Conference participation, and the continuing need for bus drivers.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Daffer, to go into closed session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation to protect the needless injury to the reputation of the individual. President Teter repeated the motion, and the board voted. Ayes: Sughroue, O. McConville, Potthoff, S. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to end closed session at 9:55 p.m. Ayes: Sughroue, O. McConville, Potthoff, S. McConville, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 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, November 11, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.