

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
October 9, 2017

Vice-President Ondrea McConville called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:42 p.m. on October 9, 2017 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Jason Kloeping, Jenni McConville, John O'Dea, Ondrea McConville, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Lynda Baumbach and Duane Teter.

Visitors: Jolene Miller and Don and Donna Behnke.

Vice-President McConville observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to excuse absent board members Duane Teter and Lynda Baumbach. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach and Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, J. McConville, O'Dea, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Baumbach. 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 informed Board members that Justin Brush won his FFA jacket through a Nebraska FFA Foundation Essay Contest. FFA members competed in Range Judging for the first time with the teaching of Student Teacher Paige Dexter. The high school volleyball team raised over \$2,000 for The Side-Out Foundation at their Dig Pink Night on October 5.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the September 11, 2017 Budget and Final Tax Request Hearings as well as the regular board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: J. McConville, Kloeping, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Baumbach. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Duane Teter arrived at the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the resignation of Lynda Baumbach as school board representative. Ayes: Teter, J. McConville, O. McConville, Kloeping, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried. Vice-President McConville thanked Lynda for her service to the district.

Superintendent Porter reported on the various methods to replace a board representative. A notice of the vacancy will be placed in the Cambridge Clarion.

Moved by Teter, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the purchase of two baritones for the elementary band. Ayes: Kloeping, Teter, J. McConville, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve a bid from Paulsen Inc. to install a 60' X 60' asphalt pad for the track high jump area to be paid from the Special Building Fund. Ayes: Kloepping, Teter, J. McConville, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Board members discussed New Business Action Item 5, which was tabled from the September 11 meeting, to take action on the possible purchase of a side-by-side multi-purpose vehicle. After discussion, no motion was made.

Superintendent Porter reviewed New Business Action Item 6, the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract. Board members were instructed to complete the evaluation and return the document to President Teter as soon as possible.

Moved by Teter, seconded by J. McConville, to recognize the Southwest Teachers' Association as the bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2018-2019. Ayes: J. McConville, O'Dea, Teter, Kloepping, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported on the district's adjusted valuation increase to \$4,870,000, which minimally decreases some real estate owners' tax levies. Mr. Porter and Principal Springer recently attended a School Law Conference. The Department of Education has scheduled Safety Reviews at both school sites.

Principal Latta reported on a recent off-site evacuation drill, and the installation of a water heater to meet the state preschool facility standards. Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 19. A student teacher will be finalizing her education at the elementary during second semester.

Principal Springer reported on the Junior-Senior High Open House on Wednesday, October 18. The FFA will be serving a meal that evening from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Staff Crisis Team will be attending a workshop in Kearney on October 10. A student music teacher will be working in the district second semester at both sites. The Booster Club donated a flag pole on the football field, and a plaque is planned for recognizing the track project donors.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Kloepping, J. McConville, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. 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 13, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.