President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:59 p.m. on September 11, 2017 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.


Absent: Lynda Baumbach

Visitors: Jolene Miller

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.


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: There has been a good deal of interest from students regarding the Academic Decathlon Group. The Journalism class has been doing well selling ads for the yearbook.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to amend and approve the minutes of the August 14th and 28th, 2017 board meetings as presented. Ayes: J. McConville, Kloepping, O. McConville, O'Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.


Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the bid from Coach Masters in the amount of $59,850.00 for the purchase of a small coach bus. Ayes: Kloepping, Teter, J. McConville, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the bid from Wagner's Chevrolet in the amount of $49,987.00 for the purchase of a replacement Suburban. Ayes: Kloepping, Teter, J. McConville, O. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by O. McConville, to approve a bid from Holdrege Electric in the amount of $23,095.00 for the replacement of LED Lighting in both the Elementary and Jr/Sr High School Gymnasiums. Ayes: Klopping, Teter, J. McConville, O. McConville, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Baumbach. Motion carried.

No action was taken on item #7, movement of CD’s.

Superintendent Porter reported Ed Johnson visited and conducted his Rule 10 safety inspection. There were some minor recommended changes but all and all he was very impressed with our facilities. September 29th a safety audit will be performed at the elementary building. Our auditors will be here on September 19th and Mr. Springer and Mr. Porter will be going to a school law conference on the 20th of September.

Principal Springer reported MAPS Testing will be completed at the end of this week. Jr/Sr High Activities are in full swing. The FFA is going to Husker Harvest Days on the 13th. Paige Dexter is our student teacher in the Ag Department. She is doing very well and will be here through first semester.

Principal Latta reported the students have completed AIMS Testing and are currently MAPS Testing. The one to one technology is working very well for the students. The Open House at the elementary on August 15th was very successful. She reported that Indianola Fire and Rescue came for a walk through to show them were the gas and water shut off were. Also, showed them where all the fire exits are.


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, October 9, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.