Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
September 12, 2016

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:42 p.m. on September 12, 2016 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.


Absent:  None.

Visitors:  Jolene Miller, Howard Kester, Les Roggenkamp, and Jason Kloeppeing.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O’Dea, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented.  Ayes:  O. McConville, J. McConville, Baumbach, O’Dea, Daffer, and Teter.  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.

FFA members, G. O’Dea, and Emily and Logan Kircher, participated in Livestock Showmanship at the Nebraska State Fair.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the August 8th and 29th, 2016 board meetings as presented.  Ayes:  J. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, Baumbach, O’Dea, and Teter.  Nays:  None.  Motion carried.

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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the 2016-2017 budget with consideration for the following funds:  General, Depreciation, Employee Benefits, Contingency, Activities, Special Building, Bond, School Lunch, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative, and Student Fee.  Ayes:  Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, Daffer, and O’Dea.  Nays:  None.  Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the district property tax request for the 2016-2017 school fiscal year.  Ayes:  Daffer, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O’Dea.  Nays:  None.  Motion carried.

The possibility of installing a practice track at the junior-senior high location was discussed by the Board.  Board members directed Superintendent Porter to solicit firm bids for the practice track project.  A board decision will be made after review of the financial costs of the project.

Moved by Baumbach, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the addition of a second pre-kindergarten class beginning in August 2017.  Ayes:  Daffer, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O’Dea.  Nays:  None.  Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the purchase of a pulse-jet dust collector system for the Industrial Technology shop.  Ayes:  Daffer, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O’Dea.  Nays:  None.  Motion carried.
Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the soliciting of bids to replace the soffit at the elementary school building. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to approve revised Board Policy #3018 Denying Access to School Premises or Activities. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve Board Policy #3039 Threat Assessment and Response. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve Board Policy #3041 Crisis Team Duties. Ayes: Daffer, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, O. McConville, and O’Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported on the recent safety inspection. Two financial agencies will present on the topic of bond re-funding at the October board meeting; and attending the NASB/NASA State Education Conference and laptop purchases for use by fifth and sixth grade students were also discussed.

Principal Springer reported on the possibility of adding parking lot lighting, staff monitoring of the walkway south of the building for pedestrians, and the need to use the State Patrol for drug dog searches.

Principal Latta reported on MAPS and AIMS Web Testing, enrollment of 155 students, and plans to update the landscaping south of the building.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Ayes: O’Dea, Teter, Daffer, J. McConville, Baumbach, and O. McConville. 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, October 10, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.