

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
September 12, 2022

Vice President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:48 p.m. on September 12, 2022 at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Present: Brooke Brooks, John O'Dea, Jennifer McConville, Jason Kloepping, Jason Neseth, Superintendent Todd Porter, Principal Tara Fries, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Duane Teter

Visitors: Gail Rippe

Vice President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, Stockmens Bank Bartley Branch, Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, 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 Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the August 8th, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Ayes: Kloepping, Brooks, McConville, Neseth, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve the 2022-2023 budget with consideration for the following funds: General, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Contingency, Activities, Special Building, School Nutrition, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative, and Student Fee. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloepping, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the district property tax request for the 2022-2023 school fiscal year. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloepping, Brooks, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Item #3 take appropriate action on school ground usage by the City of Indianola was tabled.

Mr. Porter reported our SPED director will be meeting with Patricia this week to help with our Special Education Grant. The School Auditors will be here at the end of September to work on our 21-22 school year audit. Mr. Porter informed the board that negotiations for the 23-24 school year will probably beginning in a couple months. He also reminded the board of the two special board meetings pertaining to the superintendent search that will be taking place in the beginning of October.

Principal Fries reported the elementary students have finished MAPS Testing. She reported the Kindergarten class will be traveling to the Cambridge Manor to play board games at the end of the week. Mrs. Fries informed the board that she may look into some new social studies books for 3rd grade and above.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Klopping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, McConville, Klopping, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Agenda for meetings will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent.

Special Board Meeting: Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. at the Jr/Sr High School Library in Bartley to discuss and take appropriate action on Superintendent Applicant Finalist Selection.

Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Jr/Sr High School Library in Bartley to interview Superintendent Candidates and take Appropriate action on selection of new Superintendent and Contract.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.