

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
September 13, 2021

Treasurer O'Dea called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 8:08 p.m. on September 13, 2021 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

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

Absent: Duane Teter and Jason Neseth

Visitors: Jody Hyke and Cody Gerlach

Treasurer O'Dea observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Moved by Brooks, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the minutes of the August 9th, 2021 Board Meeting. Ayes: Kloepping, Brooks, McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, State Bank of Bartley in Bartley, 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 McConville, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by Brooks, to approve the 2021-2022 budget with consideration for the following funds: General, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Contingency, Activities, Special Building, Bond, School Nutrition, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative, and Student Fee. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloepping, Brooks, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the district property tax request for the 2021-2022 school fiscal year. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloepping, Brooks, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

Board members discussed the plan that the ESSER III Grant allocations will be used for the salary and benefits of elementary instructors for splitting two grades and an additional interventions instructor for two to three years.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by McConville, to approve the bid from Verkada in the amount of \$81,673.00 for new security camera systems for the elementary and secondary sites. Ayes: Kloepping, McConville, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

Item #5 was tabled until the next board meeting.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the Quad Counties Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ayes: Kloeping, McConville, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

Mr. Porter reviewed the return to school protocols/plan per NDE Requirements with the board and he stated this information can be found on our website. This plan explains what we are doing to keep our school a safe environment for education at this time. He suggested no changes to the return to school plan are needed at the moment.

Principal Springer reported the bus we ordered last year should be delivered to us at the end of October. The bus is in the process of having the AC installed along with security cameras. The first late start in service was on the 13th and he reported it went well. Sports and activities are in full swing and there are some very busy weeks ahead.

Principal Fries reported students at the elementary have finished their MAPS Testing. She plans to sit down with teachers and go over the results of students tests. This will help them decide who they will need to send an IRIP report to.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. 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 11, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.