

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
September 14, 2026

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Brooke Brooks, John O'Dea, Jennifer McConville, Derek Meyers, Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, Superintendent Drew Billeter and Krista Kennedy.

Absent: Principal Mike Tines and Principal Tara Fries

Visitors: Hillery Kennedy and Mindy Haag

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmen's Bank in Bartley, 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 Brooks, seconded by Teter, to approve the minutes of August 17, 2026, Ayes: Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Abstained: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by Teter, to approve the minutes of September 4, 2026, Budget Workshop Meeting. Ayes: Meyers, Neseth, Teter, McConville and O'Dea. Nays: None. Abstained: Brooks. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Meyers, to approve the revisions for Policy 5055 Enrollment in Kindergarten. Ayes: O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, Meyers and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve the early graduation for Brayden Wilson. Ayes: O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, Meyers and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter reported on adjusting the Elementary Option Enrollment Capacity to ensure classrooms are maintaining a comfortable number of students. This will be decided on at October's Board Meeting. On September 22nd, Billeter will attend the Joint Hearing at the Middle School in McCook.

Billeter reported on behalf of Principal Tara Fries and Principal Mike Tines. A Professional Development Day took place on September 14th. Staff members completed a two-hour Transportation Training session. CPR training took place at the Elementary School location to keep Staff up to date. FALL MAPS testing is continuing at the High-School level. MAPS testing at the Elementary is complete.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, McConville, Meyers, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. 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, September 28, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the

Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.