

Hearing to Set Final Tax Request
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
September 24, 2026

President Jason Neseth called the hearing to set the final tax request to order at 6:36 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Derek Meyers, Jennifer McConville, Brooke Brooks, Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principals Tara Fries and Mike Tines, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: John O'Dea.

Visitors: Christian Arterburn, Cris Charley, Chase Dickson, Dave McConville, Arlyn Minary, Patrick Minary, Jason Meyers, Jeremy Meyers, and Les Roggenkamp.

The Board was available to listen to support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from district patrons relating to setting the final tax request at a different rate than the prior year tax request. Superintendent Billeter reported on the published tax requests from the General and Special Building Funds. No action was taken.

Board Member Meyers reported his disappointment with increasing the tax request for 2026-2027 and asked for Board and Administrators' help with cutting district expenses. Jason Meyers also had questions about the increase in the tax request.

President Neseth adjourned the hearing at 7:10 p.m.