

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
September 24, 2026

President Jason Neseth called the special meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Brooke Brooks, Jennifer McConville, Derek Meyers, 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.

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmens 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.

Derek Meyers continued to voice his opinions on ways the Board could have saved money in past fiscal years. Les Roggenkamp commented on the past Republican Valley School District's financial woes by not increasing the tax requests and keeping a sufficient cash reserve.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Teter, to approve the 2026-2027 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: Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and McConville. Nays: Meyers. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Brooks, to approve the district property tax request for the 2026-2027 school fiscal year. Ayes: Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and McConville. Nays: Meyers. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Ayes: Neseth, Meyers, McConville, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. 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 12, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.