

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
April 12, 2021

Vice President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. on April 12, 2021 at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Present: Jennifer McConville, Brooke Brooks, Jason Neseth, Jason Kloeping, Superintendent Todd Porter, Principal Tara Fries, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Duane Teter and John O'Dea

Visitors: Cody Gerlach

Vice President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Notice of the meeting was 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. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by McConville, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Kloeping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.

O'Dea entered at 7:38 p.m.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Mr. Porter discussed the draft copy of health education standards with the board. He recommended to the board that we adopt our own standards that better fit our local community when the time comes.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve the resignation of elementary teacher Jane Holmes and elementary counselor Diane Deselms with appreciation to their years of service. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to approve a resolution in favor of a cooperative sponsorship agreement for boys and girls swimming with McCook Public Schools and Medicine Valley Public Schools. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, O'Dea, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

President Teter arrived at 7:53 p.m.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve graduation for all seniors that have fulfilled requirements. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloepping, O'Dea, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve an additional 1.0 teaching position at the elementary school. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloepping, O'Dea, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported the school is working with ESU 10 on connecting high speed internet between the Elementary and Jr/Sr High School. This will be purchased with E-Rate and grant funds. Great Plains will be the provider of the high speed internet. He informed the board that he is in the process of applying for the ESSRS II Grant in the amount of \$177,046.00 and the ESSRS III Grant in the amount of \$389,501.00. Superintendent Porter reported there was a resignation of an elementary cook and two high school custodians for the end of the 20-21 school year.

Principal Fries reported the elementary will start NSCAS testing next week. The elementary instructors have been researching different math curriculums to be taught at the K-6 level. They are narrowing it down to the best fit for our student's needs while insuring the curriculum will meet the state standards.

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, May 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary in Indianola.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Ayes: McConville, O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Motion carried.