

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
August 10, 2015

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:37 p.m. on August 10, 2015 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, Lynda Baumbach, John O’Dea, Steve Daffer, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh and Kris Marotta.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Baumbach, J. McConville, O’Dea, Daffer, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by the board-approved method of meeting notice. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Jenni McConville thanked the Board and Administration for allowing the Old Settlers Alumni Volleyball Games to be played at the junior-senior high school building.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O’Dea, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 board meeting. Ayes: Daffer, Baumbach, O. McConville, J. McConville, O’Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Teter, O’Dea, J. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

The Board reapproved Board Policy 5018 – Parental Involvement in Educational Practices with no changes.

Board Policy 5045 – Student Fees was reapproved by the Board of Education with no changes.

New Business Action Item 4 was tabled due to the receipt of no detailed bids for the addition of electrical service to the elementary building.

Moved by O’Dea, seconded by Daffer, to approve the quote from Wyoming Wood Floors and Irwin Seating Co. to repair the junior-senior high gym floor and sand, seal, and paint the elementary gym floor. Ayes: J. McConville, O. McConville, Daffer, Baumbach, O’Dea, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board members discussed the replacement of the practice gym ceiling, and gave approval to Mr. Porter to solicit bids for painting the teacherage and contacting a vendor to research current plumbing issues.

Board members discussed the 2015-2016 budget and levy to be approved in September.

Superintendent Porter thanked Mark’s Pharmacy for their \$1,500 donation and discussed the progress of the improvements to the interior and exterior of the elementary building and grounds. He updated the board on the bus barn project and the installation of the football scoreboard. He discussed upcoming August events and thanked the summer maintenance crew for their hard work on the district’s buildings and grounds.

Principal Latta reported on elementary student enrollment, attendance at the PLC Response Intervention and Reading Mastery Inservice, Elementary Open House, continued Good Friends Project, and the need for instructor and daycare substitutes.

Principal Springer discussed staff members' preparations for the school year, the increase of number of participants on the football team, changes in the number of bus routes, projected junior-senior high school enrollment, and student laptop software updates.

The Board of Education will meet on Monday, August 24, 2015 to pay remaining 2014-2015 invoices, approve transfers, and preview the 2015-2016 budget.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Baumbach, Daffer, and O. McConville. 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 14, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.