

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. on August 12th, 2024 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jason Neseth, Brook Brooks, Duane Teter, John O'Dea, Jason Kloepping, Jennifer McConville, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Sydney Mousel

Absent:

Visitors: Emma Rasmussen

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Notices of the meeting were posted at the Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, the Stockmens Bank Bartley Branch, 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 Kloepping, seconded by to approve the minutes of the July 15th, 2024 board meeting. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Kloepping, Neseth, Brooks, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'dea, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Kloepping, McConville, Teter, O'Dea, Brooks, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.  
The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloepping, to Discuss and take appropriate action on adopting policy (6040) Prekindergarten (Preschool or Early Childhood) Program. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, McConville, Neseth, Brooks, and O'dea. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'dea, seconded by Kloepping, to discuss and take appropriate action on revisions of policy (3057) Title IX, and policy (5008) Pregnant or Parenting Students. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, McConville, Neseth, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'dea, to Discuss and take appropriate action on transferring funds from the general fund to the school nutrition fund, depreciation fund and activities fund. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, McConville, Neseth, Brooks, and O'Dea, Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter informed the board about our transition to a digital newsletter, reducing the number of mailed paper copies. In exciting news for the elementary school, they will be participating in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program. Additionally, we are applying for a grant to receive a new serving top, enhancing our meal service at the elementary kitchen. We are also pleased to announce that we received a grant from Twin Valley Public Power, which will allow us to replace our current light bulbs with energy-efficient LED lighting. Lastly, we had two productive workdays with our teachers and staff, and we are eagerly anticipating the return of our students to the building!

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 9th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School Library in Bartley.

Moved by O'dea, seconded by McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.