

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
December 9th, 2019

Vice President Ondrea McConville called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:54 p.m. on December 9th, 2019 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Jason Kloepping, John O'Dea, Ondrea McConville, Jenni McConville, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Duane Teter & Jason Neseth

Vice-President McConville observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to excuse absent board member Duane Teter and Jason Neseth. Ayes: Kloepping, O. McConville, O'Dea, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the amended board meeting agenda, with the addition of adding Action Item #4, Administrative Resignation. Ayes: O. McConville, O'Dea, Kloepping, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. 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.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the November 11th, 2019 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Kloepping, O. McConville, O'Dea, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the 2018-2019 Final Audit. Ayes: O. McConville, Kloepping, J. McConville, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

Mr. Porter informed the board on notification of filing deadlines for the school Board Candidates. The date for incumbents is February 18th and non-incumbents is March 2nd.

Vice President McConville moved to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m to discuss item #3 Teacher contract negotiations.

Executive session adjourned at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the Administrative Resignation of Kathy Latta with thanks for her years of service. Ayes: Kloepping, O. McConville, O'Dea, and J. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reported he attended the State Education Convention and informed the board of some of the sessions he attended. The semester is coming to an end and the winter activities are in full swing. He noted several positive school culture building activities have been held throughout the semester.

Principal Latta reported that on December 11th there would be an NSCAS awards presentation for grades 5-7. The 5th and 6th grade competed well in their first quizbowl of the year. During the elementary work day on December 4th, a group of teachers had a zoom meeting with another school who uses the ARC reading program. They found that was very helpful. The Rockin' Riders will be having a Dodgeball tournament on December 19th and the Elementary Christmas breakfast is on December 20th for students and staff starting at 8:45 am.

Principal Springer informed the board of the bus accident that happened in November and that the bus would be getting repaired at the end of the week. He reported that Stacy Wilson will be teaching 6th grade next school year at the Jr/Sr High School Building. She will be moving to Mrs. Harris's room and Mrs. Harris will be teaching from the distance learning room. There will be a Level 1 Driver Training course held at the High School on December 15th from 1-4 for staff that need to complete it.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Klopping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Klopping, J. McConville and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and Neseth. 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, January 13th, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley. Staff-Board Christmas appreciation gathering is Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 at The Rocket Inn at 6:00 p.m.