

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
July 10, 2023

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on July 10, 2023 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Jennifer McConville, Jason Neseth, Brooke Brooks, Jason Kloeping, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principal Tara Fries, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: John O'Dea

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Notice of the meeting were posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, The Stockmans Bank in Bartley, 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 Kloeping, seconded by McConville, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, Brooks, Kloeping, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by McConville, to approve payment of \$150 per day for substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Brooks, Kloeping and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloeping, to keep activity pass prices the same for the 2023-2024 school year. Activity passes will be as follows: Student pass \$20.00, adult pass \$45.00, family pass \$85.00. Ayes: Teter, McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Neseth. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Teter, to keep lunch, breakfast, and milk prices the same as the 2022-2023 school year prices. Lunch prices will remain as follows for the 2023-2024 school year: Pre-kindergarten through Grade Five lunch price at \$2.90 and breakfast at \$2.00 PK through Grade 12. Grade 6 through Grade 12 lunch price at \$3.50, and adult lunch price at \$4.00. Milk price remains at \$.35 per carton. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by McConville, to approve the staff, student and activity handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Teter, to approve the following revised Policies: 3001-Budget and Property tax Request, 3036-Purchasing (Credit) Care Program, 3059-Audio and Video Recording, 4003-Drug Policy Regarding Drivers, 4045-Milk Expression, 5003-Admission of Part-Time Students, 5045-Student Fees, 5052-School Wellness, 5062-Lice and Nits, 6003-Instructional Program. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloeping, to approve revised board policy 5035-Student Discipline. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloeping, to approve revised board policy 5049-Firearms and Weapons. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by McConville, to approve revised board policy 6025-Cell Phone and other Electronic Devices. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Brooks, Kloeping, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter informed the board of updates that have been done to the superintendent house including painting and electrical. He will be attending meetings throughout July including administrators days in Kearney and a new superintendent meeting on the 19th. Mr. Billeter mentioned the grounds and buildings look great. He commended the staff on their hard work this summer. All 3 gym floors will be reconditioned the last week in July. He also informed the board he hopes to have a bid on some mulch and playground equipment for the elementary school by the next board meeting.

Principal Fries reported there will be a walk to school night on August 15th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for elementary parents and students.

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, August 14, 2023 at 7:30p.m. at the Southwest Jr/ Sr High School in Bartley.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Teter, Brooks, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea. Motion carried.