

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
June 10th, 2024

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on June 10th, 2024 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, John O'Dea, Jason Kloepping, Jennifer McConville, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principal Tara Fries, Sydney Mousel

Absent: Brooke Brooks.

Visitors: None

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Teter, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Teter, O'Dea, Kloepping, Neseth, and McConville. Nays: Brooks. 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 O'dea, seconded by Teter to approve the minutes of the May 13th, 2024 board meeting. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Kloepping, Neseth, McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

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

Moved by O'dea, seconded by McConville, to discuss and take appropriate action on on annual review of Policy (5018) Parental Involvement, (5057 Title 1 Parental Involvement, (5054) Bullying, (3040) Safety and Security Committee, (5001) Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, (3004.1) Ferderal Inventory Review. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, McConville, Neseth, and O'dea. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'dea, to discuss and take appropriate action on policy 5065. 1 early Dismissal for Seniors. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, McConville, Neseth, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by Od'ea, seconded by Kloepping, to discuss and take appropriate action on renewing Verkada security camera license from Bluum Communications. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, McConville, Neseth, and O'Dea,. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Moved by O'dea, seconded by McConville, to discuss and take appropriate action on quote from McGraw Hill for elementary reading curriculum Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, McConville, Teter, and O'Dea. Absent: Brooks. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'dea, seconded by McConville, to discuss and take appropriate action for the authorization of Board Officers to sign checks for the Activity Fund Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, McConville, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter provided the board with updates on several recent and upcoming projects at both school buildings. Firstly, new carpet has been installed in both the wrestling room and the laundry room, enhancing the comfort and functionality of these areas. In honor of our retirees, we have planted memorial trees. These trees serve as a lasting tribute to their dedication and contributions over the years. For the large windows in the commons area, we have commissioned Acme Printing to create custom window vinyl graphics. These graphics are scheduled to be installed in mid-July, adding a vibrant and engaging. We are pleased to announce a few new hires at the elementary school. Rachel Moore has joined us as a paraeducator and daycare provider, bringing her experience and dedication to support our students' educational and childcare needs. Additionally, Stephine Neseth has been hired as a cook, and we are excited to have her contribute to our nutrition team, ensuring that our students receive healthy and delicious meals.

Principal Tara Fries informed the board that the new playground equipment has been a great asset to the elementary school. She highlighted how the new equipment has positively impacted the students by providing them with more engaging and enjoyable outdoor activities. Additionally, she noted that the word about the new playground has spread quickly, generating excitement and interest among the students and their families. In other updates, Principal Fries reported that there are currently 28 students enrolled in the summer school program. She expressed optimism about the summer session, emphasizing the opportunities it provides for students to continue their learning and development during the break. The program aims to support students in strengthening their academic skills and preparing them for the upcoming school year.

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, July 15th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School Library in Bartley.

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