

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
June 12, 2023

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on June 12, 2023 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jason Kloeping, Jason Neseth, John O'Dea, Brooke Brooks, Principal Tara Fries, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Duane Teter and Jenni McConville

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

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 O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: McConville and Teter.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

McConville entered meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Superintendent Porter discussed the plans for use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERS III) and Return to School Protocols for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to affirm board policy #4043 Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships Between Employees and Students. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Kloeping, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by O'Dea, to affirm board policy #5018 Parent Involvement in Educational Practices. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Kloeping, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to affirm board policy #5054 Student Bullying. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Kloepping, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to appoint Drew Billeter, Superintendent of Schools, as the authorized representative for all local, state, and federal programs and documents as of July 1, 2023. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Kloepping, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve participation in the state and federal hot lunch program with Drew Billeter, Superintendent of Schools, as the hearing officer as of July 1, 2023. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, Brooks, O'Dea, and Neseth. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve Superintendent Drew Billeter to transact business on behalf of the district at financial institutions as of July 1, 2023. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, Neseth, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to appoint Patricia Smith and Natalie Meyers as the Recording Secretaries for the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, Brooks, O'Dea, and Neseth. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to appoint Matt Springer, Secondary Principal, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received from students in Grades 6-12. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, Brooks, O'Dea, and Neseth. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to appoint Tara Fries, Elementary Principal, as the determining official for all hot lunch applications received from students in Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, Neseth, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the purchase and installation of a replacement Convection Oven in the elementary school kitchen for the amount of \$19,475.00 from Midwest Restaurant Supply. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Kloepping, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve a bid for the elementary building upgrade project in the amount of \$29,500 from Ron's Solid Top Construction. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, Neseth, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve a revision of the 2023-2024 school calendar, regular school day November 15<sup>th</sup> and no school on December 1<sup>st</sup>, due to revision of RPAC one-act play host and accommodations of Southwest Girls Wrestling. Ayes: McConville, Kloepping, Neseth, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.

Superintendent Porter shared the comparison of 2023-2024 state aid calculations to the prior year's calculated aid. Southwest schools will get a more significant amount of state aid for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Porter reported that the custodial and maintenance staff have been very busy deep cleaning classrooms, and the staff is making substantial progress each day.

Principal Fries informed the board the Elementary summer school staff have 20 to 25 students in attendance each day.

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 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Klopping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Brooks, O'Dea, and Klopping. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Teter.