

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
March 8, 2021

Vice-President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. on March 8, 2021 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Jennifer McConville, Brooke Brooks, John O'Dea, Jason Neseth, Jason Kloeping, Superintendent Todd Porter, Principals Matt Springer and Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Duane Teter.

Visitors: None.

Vice-President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Post Offices in Bartley and Indianola, Adams Bank and Trust in Indianola, State Bank of Bartley in Bartley, Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley and published in the Valley Voice newspaper. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 board meeting as presented. Ayes: O'Dea, Neseth, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Abstained: Kloeping. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to approve the Resolution on School District Standards for Rejection of Option Enrollment Applications for the 2021-2022 school year, keeping option enrollment numbers as they currently are by capping elementary classes at 20 students, Grades 7-12 at 40 students, and no new special education students requiring specific academic and behavioral support (program full). Ayes: O'Dea, McConville, Neseth, Brooks, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

After review of Board Policy #5014 Homeless Students, moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve Board Policy #5014 as presented. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Brooks, Kloeping, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

After updated Board Policy #4043 Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships Between Employees and Students was discussed by the Board, moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to

approve the updated Board Policy #4043. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, O'Dea, Kloepping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Principal Matt Springer arrived at the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve the quote from Truck Center Companies for the purchase of a 2022 Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 bus in the amount of \$95,570.00. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, O'Dea, Kloepping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to accept the letters of instructor's resignations with thanks for their service to Carol Kelley and Cassa Easter effective at the end of the current school year. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, O'Dea, Kloepping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by McConville, to approve offering all returning teachers a contract for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended by the Administration. Ayes: Kloepping, McConville, O'Dea, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve offering a contract to Glenna Hoefs as a secondary science instructor for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, McConville, Brooks, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve offering a contract to Hannah Ash as a secondary art instructor for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, McConville, Brooks, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Agenda Item New Business, Action Item 8, discuss and take appropriate action on elementary and secondary principals' contracts and salary for the 2021-2022 school year was tabled until after the superintendent's and principals' reports.

Superintendent Porter reported on recent interviews for vacant instructor positions, status of 2021-2022 secondary schedule, completed staff COVID immunizations, CARES Act Grant of \$177,000.00 for which plans are being made to purchase a gym floor scrubber, math curriculum, and improvement of air filtration systems.

Principal Fries reported on the process of previewing and selecting math curriculum and winter MAPS test scores.

Principal Springer reported on no elementary school on Monday, March 15, due to staff involvement in the math curriculum preview, spring student sports involvement, and FFA and FBLA virtual conventions.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to go into executive session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss pay increases for the protection of the public interest and personnel issues for the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Vice-President Neseth repeated the motion, and the board voted as follows: Ayes: Neseth, O'Dea, McConville, Brooks, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Vice-President Neseth closed executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to renew a contract with Tara Fries as the elementary principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloepping, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloeping, to renew a contract with Matt Springer as the junior-senior high school principal and transportation director for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Kloeping, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. 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, April 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Moved by Kloeping, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Ayes: McConville, O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, and Kloeping. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.