

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
February 11, 2013

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 11, 2013 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Tom Sughrue, Kevin Potthoff, Steve McConville, Steve Daffer, Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Principals Carrie Rasmussen and Matt Springer, Superintendent Clayton Waddle, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Kris Marotta, Linda Clark, Don and Donna Behnke, Don Ellicott, Jay Helberg and Gabe Gauthier.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Sughrue, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Daffer, Sughrue, Potthoff, Teter, and S. McConville. Nays: None. 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 the president of the board and all members prior to the meeting date.

Jay Helberg reported on the curriculum being taught in the high school physical science, chemistry, physics, and general science classes and the upcoming Environthon competition.

Gabe Gauthier reported on grade 7 social studies, world geography, American history, and sociology curriculum and attendance at the Red Willow County Government Day.

The Board was informed of awards and recognitions during the past month including FFA Career Development Events competition, RPAC Art Contest results, and health department kitchen inspections.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the January 14 and 31, 2013 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Sughrue, Potthoff, Daffer, Teter, O. McConville, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Sughrue, S. McConville, Daffer, O. McConville, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Sughrue, to recognize the Southwest Teachers' Association as the bargaining agent for the certified staff of Southwest Public Schools for the 2014-'15 school year. Ayes: O. McConville, Sughrue, Daffer, S. McConville, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the contract with ESU #16 and the Southwest Nebraska Distance Education Network for distance education network courses and services in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the 2013-'14 school year. Ayes: O. McConville, Sughroue, Potthoff, Daffer, Teter, and S. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to continue membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$3,716.00. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Sughroue, to approve Payment Application #4 from EAD Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$50,980.46. Ayes: Sughroue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, O. McConville, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken concerning Change Order #4 concerning the addition of a stucco finish to the west side of the gym renovation project.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the reimbursement transfer of \$30,557.23 from the Contingency Fund to the General Fund. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, O. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Sughroue, to approve the reimbursement transfer of \$40,286.96 from the Employee Benefit Fund to the General Fund. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, O. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the payment of \$95,025.00 to ABC Bus Inc. for purchase of a 2000 MCI coach bus. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, O. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to declare the 1977 coach bus as surplus property. Ayes: Daffer, S. McConville, O. McConville, Sughroue, Teter, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Action concerning the installation of security cameras within the district was tabled until more vendors are contacted to submit bids.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by Daffer, to approve the resignation of Chris Watt effective at the end of the school year with appreciation for his years of service to the district. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Teter, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sughroue, seconded by Daffer, to approve the resignation of Kathy Brashears effective at the end of the school year with appreciation for her years of service to the district. Ayes: S. McConville, Teter, Sughroue, O. McConville, Daffer, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Waddle discussed the upcoming NRCSA Conference and the Back to the Basics School Law Workshop. He also discussed the Village of Bartley's revised electrical rates, 2013-2014 state aid model estimates, and the importance of the Red Willow County Health Department to the district's students and staff.

Principal Springer reported on attendance at the Infinite Campus workshop, Red Willow County Commissioners' meeting concerning the future of the Red Willow County Health Department, Parent

Teacher Conferences, upcoming school events, SOCS Workshop, ESU #15 training at the February 15 inservice, and retrieval of the purchased coach bus.

Principal Rasmussen reported an 85% attendance rate at Parent Teacher Conferences, pre-kindergarten applications, state writing assessments, Author Julia Cook visit, Music Boosters fund-raiser, science curriculum inservice, and the upcoming school improvement external visit.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by S. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, O. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. 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, March 11, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.