

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
November 13, 2023

President Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on November 13, 2023 at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Present: Jennifer McConville, Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, John O'Dea, Brooke Brooks, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principal Matt Springer and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Jason Kloeping

Visitors: Gail Rippe, Lou Hayes

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Teter, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Kloeping. 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 Brooks, seconded by Teter, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 meeting as presented. Ayes: Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Abstain: McConville and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Kloeping. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the renewal of the Eakes Office Solutions copier agreement in the amount of \$1,793.90 per month. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Teter, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Kloeping. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Teter, to approve the bid in the amount of \$2,400 for the year 23-24 from D & L Pest Control for pest control services. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Teter, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Kloeping. Motion carried.

Item #3 preschool playground equipment was tabled for further discussion.

The board discussed with Lou Hayes the possibility of renting the life skills building in Bartley to be used as a daycare facility.

Item #5, discuss and take appropriate action on the Negotiations progress, was tabled to be discussed in executive session at the end of the meeting.

Superintendent Billeter reported the construction project at the elementary is close to completion. He complemented the staff and students on the Veterans Day Program and how the community appreciated the program. Mr. Billeter informed the board the 2022-2023 School Audit is completed and our AFR was submitted to the NDE on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The MAPS Incentive for the Jr/Sr High students at Spring City went well and he reported the students really enjoyed the opportunity.

Principal Springer reported a few students have been inquiring about a CNA class being offered by Mid-Plains Community College. He said he will be communicating with these students and the college to get more information.

President Neseth moved to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss item #5

The board adjourned executive session at 9:02 p.m. No action was taken

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, December 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Ayes: Neseth, McConville, Teter, Brooks, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: Kloepping. Motion carried.