

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

Vice President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. on November 8, 2021 at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.

Present: Jennifer McConville, Brooke Brooks, Jason Kloeping, Jason Neseth, Superintendent Todd Porter, Principal Tara Fries, and Natalie Meyers.

Absent: Duane Teter and John O'Dea

Visitors: None

Vice President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

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

Notices of the meeting were 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 and on the school website. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 board meeting as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, Neseth, Brooks, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Vice President Neseth reported there was no new progress of the negotiations process.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to approve a staff Christmas gathering on December 3rd, 2021. Ayes: Neseth, Kloeping, Brooks, and McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Item #3, Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract was tabled.

Superintendent Porter reported there are Board Member Workshops in North Platte if any board member is interested in attending. Board members and administration have been invited to a meeting held at Cambridge Public Schools for listening purposes only. Mr. Porter and Mr. Kloeping will be attending the State School Board Conference November 17th through the 19th.

Principal Fries reported she is planning a math night at the elementary on November 20th. She informed the board, cabinets have now been installed in 6 rooms and has created more storage for the classrooms. The cabinet installers hope to finish installing cabinets in the remaining classrooms by the beginning of December or before.

Vice President Neseth moved to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss Item #4, Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract.

Vice President Neseth adjourned the closed session at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by McConville, seconded by Brooks, to renew Superintendent R. Todd Porter's contract for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Porter announced he will be retiring at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Ayes: Klopping, Neseth, McConville, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. 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, December 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

Moved by Klopping, seconded by McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Ayes: McConville, Neseth, Brooks, and Klopping. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and O'Dea. Motion carried.