

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
November 11, 2024

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30p.m. on November 11, 2024 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Brooke Brooks, Jennifer McConville, John O’dea, Duane Teter, Jason Klopping, Jason Neseth, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principal Matt Springer and Sydney Mousel.

Absent: Jenni McConville & John O’dea

Visitors: Hillery Kennedy & Derek Meyers

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

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Teter_, seconded by Klopping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Klopping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O’Dea. 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 Teter, seconded by Brooks, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2024 Board Meeting. Ayes: Klopping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O’Dea. Motion carried

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

The treasurer’s report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Brooks, to appove the 2023-2024 school audit. Ayes: Klopping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O’Dea. Motion carried

Moved by Klopping, seconded by Teter, to approve closing the Contingency Fund and transferring funds to the General fund. Ayes: Klopping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O’Dea. Motion carried

Moved by Teter, seconded by Brooks, to approve closing the General Fund II and transferring funds to the general fund. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O'Dea. Motion carried

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloepping, to approve implementing a beef in Schools Program. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter reported that the volleyball team advanced to the state tournament and finished in an impressive 4th place. In addition to securing 4th place, the team, community, band and cheerleaders were honored with the Sportsmanship Award. The Veterans Day program, as always, was a resounding success and a highlight of the school year. Looking ahead, there is a board member workshop is scheduled for January 15th. The superintendent also shared that he recently had a discussion with a representative from Stockman's Bank regarding a credit card option that would replace the current U.S. Bank card. Additionally, offerin options for a new Point of Sale (POS) system, with quotes forthcoming. This system would facilitate transactions at the concession stand and allow parents to conveniently pay their children's lunch bills.

Principal Springer reported that fall sports have concluded, and the High School Quiz Bowl team has already participated in two meets. Next, we are in the process of evaluating new pest control services and will have two bids ready for the board's consideration next month.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville 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 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:12p.m. to discuss the certified staff's negotiations for the 2025 -2026 school year and adjourned at 8:54p.m.