

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
October 10, 2022

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 10, 2022 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Brooke Brooks, Jason Neseth, Jason Kloepping, John O'Dea, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Jennifer McConville.

Visitors: Cody Gerlach.

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

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

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O'Dea, Brooks, Teter, Neseth, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. 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 Kloepping, seconded by Neseth, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 board meeting after correction of the date of the regular October board meeting to October 10, 2022. Ayes: Kloepping, Brooks, O'Dea, Neseth. Nays: None. Abstained: Teter. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Brooks, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the letter of resignation submitted by Superintendent R. Todd Porter effective June 30, 2023. Ayes: Teter, Neseth, O'Dea, Kloepping, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the contract with Drew Billeter as Superintendent effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, O'Dea, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter reviewed the Superintendent's Evaluation according to Board Policy 4057. Board members were instructed to complete the evaluation and return the document to President Teter as soon as possible.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the request by the Southwest Education Association to recognize the Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2024-2025 contract year. Ayes: Neseth, Teter, O'Dea, Brooks, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Principal Matt Springer arrived at the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by Brooks, to approve a beginning pay rate of \$15.00/hour for new full-time non-certified paraeducators, cooks, custodians, secretaries, and bookkeepers. The pay rate for all current full-time non-certified employees will become \$15.00/hour retroactive to October 1, 2022, if their current rate is below \$15.00/hour. These employees will also receive an additional ten cents per hour for each completed year of service. The non-certified employees with a current pay rate above \$15.00/hour will receive a 3% pay increase. No increase is planned for any full-time employee for the 2023-2024 school year. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Abstained: O'Dea. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by Brooks, to approve a lease agreement with the City of Indianola from November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2121. The City of Indianola agrees to pay rent at the rate of \$1.00/year for 99 years due on or before November 1, 2022. The property may be used for rodeos, athletic training, practices, and games, and other similar sporting or recreational activities. Ayes: Kloepping, O'Dea, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.

Superintendent Porter discussed recent and upcoming school activities, including the RPAC volleyball tournament with an early dismissal on Thursday, October 13, ESU #15 and Region VI meetings he plans to attend in the near future, and also discussed an increase in option students to the Southwest District.

Principal Matt Springer reported on the status of the delivery of the recently ordered school bus. He also updated the Board regarding the current manufacture of propane buses. He thanked the McCook Public School District for their recent loan of a coach bus for transporting the football team as the air-conditioning was not working in our district's coach bus. He suggested declaring surplus property for several school buses, rolling cabinets and storage equipment to prepare for auction of this property at a later date.

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, November 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School Library in Bartley.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, Neseth, Brooks, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: McConville. Motion carried.