Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
October 9, 2023

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 9, 2023 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, Brooke Brooks, Jason Kloepping, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Principals Tara Fries and Matt Springer, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Jennifer McConville and John O'Dea.

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp and Gavin Harsh.

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

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, Brooks, and Teter. 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 September 11, 2023 board meetings. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O'Dea. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

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

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by Brooks, 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 2025-2026 contract year. Ayes: Neseth, Teter, Brooks, and Kloepping. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the use of the Junior-Senior High School practice gym by the Young Guns as a venue for a Christmas Celebration Dinner on Sunday, December 3. Ayes: Teter, Kloepping, Neseth, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: McConville and O'Dea. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter discussed, that according to Board Policy 4057, the Board would be evaluating his job performance twice during the 2023-2024 fiscal year using the current evaluation performance tool. Completed evaluations are to be returned to President Neseth.

Superintendent Billeter reminded board members of their various committees and duties. He also discussed his attendance at the recent Labor Relations Workshop, the negotiations schedule, a staff quarterly safety meeting, a printer contract with Eakes Office Solutions, and the upcoming School Board of Education Convention.

Principal Fries discussed the finalization of the MAPS Assessment testing and approval as a control school and free M-Class technology and Dibbles testing perks.

Principal Springer informed the Board of Education of the early release program for seniors and the timeline for implementation and installation of shock clocks for basketball games.

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 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School Library in Bartley.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Ayes: Kloepping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. Absent: O'Dea and McConville. Motion carried.