

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
September 11, 2023

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 8:21 p.m. on September 11, 2023 at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.

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

Absent:

Visitors: Cody Gerlach, Gail Rippe, Derek Meyers, and Larry Durner

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Teter, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Kloepping, Brooks, McConville, Neseth, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. 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 O'Dea, to approve the minutes of the August 14th, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Ayes: Kloepping, Brooks, McConville, Neseth, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the 2023-2024 budget with consideration for the following funds: General, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Contingency, Activities, Special Building, School Nutrition, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative, and Student Fee. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloepping, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Kloepping, to approve the district property tax request for the 2023-2024 school fiscal year. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloepping, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter reported the rubber mulch for the playground at the elementary school will be delivered in the next week or two and the 10 passenger van that was ordered last board meeting will be ready in 9 to 10 months. Construction at the elementary is close to completion and the elementary also qualified for the free fresh fruits and vegetable program. These snacks are given throughout the day to preschool age students. Mr. Billeter reported the staff has already started on the school improvement process even though Southwest just had their review last year. He stated it is important to get a head start by looking at different data to help understand the needs of our students.

Moved by Kloepping, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, McConville, Kloepping, Neseth, Teter, and Brooks. Nays: None. 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, October 9, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Jr/Sr High School in Bartley.