

Board of Education Meeting
Southwest Public Schools
District 179
September 15, 2025

President Jason Neseth called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 8:18 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Brooke Brooks, John O'Dea, Jennifer McConville, Derek Meyers, Jason Neseth, Duane Teter, Superintendent Drew Billeter, Matt Springer, Tara Fries, and Patricia Smith .

Absent: None

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp, Stacy Wilson, Emily Lashley, Kim Barnett, Renae Weaver, Lynn Harris, Ashley Ryan, Sasha and Burton Burton, Whitney Billeter, Jody Hyke, Christian Arterburn, Tyler Kennedy, Mindy Haag, Sagen Carman-Downer, Mark Hayes, Tyler Hayes, Hillery Kennedy, Jim Manker, Darin Meyers, Chase Dickson, Becki Lampe, Tanner Teel, Steven Salas, Kyle Teel, Jill and Tony Truksa.

President Neseth observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Brooks, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Meyers, 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 in Bartley, 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 Meyers, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 and the September 5, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Ayes: Meyers, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Abstained: McConville. Motion carried.

Moved by McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: McConville, Meyers, 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 2025-2026 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, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and McConville. Nays: Meyers. Motion carried.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the district property tax request for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year. Ayes: O'Dea, Brooks, Neseth, Teter, and McConville. Nays: Meyers. Motion carried.

Superintendent Billeter reported on the elementary serving table installation, upcoming school audit, elementary roof bids, annual safety inspection, special education review.

Principal Springer reported on the California loop system and glycol replacement, route and coach bus repair, safety team meeting, and repair to an east door.

Principal Fries reported on the PLC teacher inservice which included NWEA testing training, status of elementary MAPS testing.

Duane Teter thanked the instructors and patrons for their support for the board members and administrators.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, McConville, Meyers, 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 13, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.