

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
September 9, 2019

President Duane Teter called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:46 p.m. on September 9, 2019 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Duane Teter, Ondrea McConville, Jennifer McConville, Jason Neseth, John O'Dea, Jason Kloeping, Principals Kathy Latta and Matt Springer, Superintendent Todd Porter and Patricia Smith.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Les Roggenkamp and Cody Gerlach

President Teter observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: Kloeping, O. McConville, J. McConville, Neseth, O'Dea and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by the board-approved method of meeting notice. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members prior to the meeting date.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 board meeting as presented. Ayes: J. McConville, Kloeping, Neseth, O'Dea, O. McConville, and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the 2019-2020 budget with consideration for the following funds: General, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Contingency, Activities, Special Building, Bond, School Nutrition, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative, and Student Fee. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by J. McConville, to approve the district property tax request for the 2019-2020 school fiscal year. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dea, seconded by Neseth, to reaffirm policy #5052 School Wellness. Ayes: Kloeping, Teter, J. McConville, O. McConville, Neseth, and O'Dea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by Kloeping, to approve the revision of Board Policy 4039—Employment of Classified Staff. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by J. McConville, seconded by O'Dea, to approve the revision of Board Policy 5044—Safe Pupil Transportation Plan and Pupil Transportation Vehicle Driver Satisfactory Driving Criteria. Ayes: O'Dea, Kloeping, O. McConville, Neseth, J. McConville and Teter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Roggenkamp discussed the upcoming enrollment numbers at the junior-senior high school for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years regarding future classifications for football. A discussion was held regarding building capacity at Indianola and Bartley sites. When the building was originally discussed, it was planned to be a Junior High and High School building, containing grades 6, 7, 8 and 9-12, providing for a true middle school and high school structure. Capacity is getting tighter at the

Indianola site due to morning and afternoon daycare and two sections of preschool, and there is more room at the Bartley site due to the changing demographics in classes, including individual class sizes and the gender breakdown. These changing numbers also affect ability to field junior high extra-curricular activities, which can allow for the inclusion of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in designated junior high activities due to low student numbers in either gender per board policy and NDE regulations. Also discussed was the common breakdown of curriculum, which often times breaks into elementary, middle school, and high school divisions. The board requested feedback from elementary parents about the possibility of building grade level restructuring, and Mr. Springer and Mrs. Latta stated they would seek out information.

Superintendent Porter reported on the status of remaining bond installments, his registration to attend the Labor Relations and Fall School Law Conference, two interim studies being conducted by the State Education Legislative Committee, and registration for the State Education Conference in November.

Principal Latta reported the elementary attendance at 151 students, attendance at the August 26 Title Parent meeting, the upcoming ARC reading coach visit, evacuation drill and parent-student unification process.

Principal Springer reported the junior-senior high attendance at 117 students, his attendance at a Red Willow County Commissioners meeting regarding the need for gravel on county bus routes, possible change of the district's beverage vendor, and the need to obtain quotes to purchase a route bus.

Moved by Neseth, seconded by O'Dea, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Ayes: O'Dea, Teter, J. McConville, Neseth, Kloepping, and O. McConville. 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 14, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.