

Board of Education Meeting  
Southwest Public Schools  
District 179  
September 9, 2013

Vice-President Tom Sughroue called the regular meeting of the Southwest Public Schools Board of Education to order at 7:41 p.m. on September 9, 2013 at the Southwest Junior-Senior High School in Bartley.

Present: Tom Sughroue, Kevin Potthoff, Steve Daffer, Ondrea McConville, Principals Matt Springer and Lynda Baumbach, Superintendent Todd Porter, and Patricia Smith.

Absent: Steve McConville and Duane Teter.

Visitors: Mary Marsh, Cody Gerlach, Mary Shirkey, Nick Brost, Don and Donna Behnke, Marilyn Walz, and Bruce Leflor.

Vice-President Sughroue observed Open Meeting Law requirements.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to excuse absent Board Members Steve McConville and Duane Teter. Ayes: Sughroue, Potthoff, O. McConville, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: S. McConville and Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to approve the board meeting agenda as presented. Ayes: O. McConville, Sughroue, Daffer, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Teter and S. McConville. 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. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the August 12 and 26, 2013 board meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Potthoff, Daffer, O. McConville, and Sughroue. Nays: None. Absent: S. McConville and Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Sughroue, Daffer, O. McConville, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: S. McConville and Teter. Motion carried.

Steve McConville arrived at the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Bruce Lefler of Ameritas Investment Corporation discussed the process of redeeming the balance of the Series 2008 Limited Tax Obligation Bonds on November 12, 2013 and authorizing the issuance of Series 2013 Limited Tax Obligation Refunding Bonds on October 16, 2013, thus reducing interest rates and saving the district \$54,927 over the life of the bond.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve a resolution to authorize the redemption of the Series 2008 Limited Tax Obligation Bonds on November 12, 2013. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughroue, O. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by O. McConville, seconded by Daffer, to authorize issuance of Series 2013 Limited Tax Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2013 dated October 16, 2013. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughrue, O. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the final Payment Application from EAD Constructors, Inc. for \$1,000.00 as advised by W Design Associates. Ayes: Daffer, Sughrue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the published budget of expenditures for the 2013-2014 fiscal year for all district funds as presented during the budget hearing. Ayes: Sughrue, S. McConville, O. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the resolution to set the property tax request of \$4,123,153.04 for the General Fund, \$486,581.79 for the Bond Fund, \$497,613.29 for the Special Building Fund, and \$257,648.48 for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund for the 2013-2014 fiscal year as published and presented. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughrue, O. McConville, Potthoff, and Daffer. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Potthoff, seconded by S. McConville, to approve the preliminary design services of \$2,500.00 for a concession and restroom storage building with W Design Associates, Inc. to include track and field runways, pads, and pits. Ayes: S. McConville, Sughrue, O. McConville, Daffer, and Potthoff. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Moved by Daffer, seconded by O. McConville, to approve the ratification of Jessica Houser as a part-time after-school daycare employee. Ayes: Daffer, Sughrue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Absent: Teter. Motion carried.

Duane Teter arrived at the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Moved by S. McConville, seconded by Potthoff, to approve the ratification of Dianne Kelley as an elementary para-professional. Ayes: Daffer, Sughrue, S. McConville, Potthoff, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Abstained: Teter. Motion carried.

Marilyn Walz of Swanson Signs of McCook discussed proposed costs and details of signs and building lettering for the junior-senior high school.

Moved by Teter, seconded by O. McConville, to approve 15" lettering for "Southwest" and 12" lettering for "Junior-Senior High School" to attach to the junior-senior high building. Ayes: Daffer, Sughrue, S. McConville, Potthoff, Teter, and O. McConville. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Building and Grounds Committee will meet to further discuss the sign project and propose a final design for consideration at a later date.

Superintendent Porter reported on the request for information from the Nebraskans for Founders' Values. A response was made according to the district attorney's guidelines. Mr. Porter recommended the Americanism Committee meet to discuss the topics requested by the organization.

Superintendent Porter reviewed a report showing negotiation settlements for Nebraska schools and discussed the teacher negotiation timeline changes for the Negotiations Committee.

The recently completed annual safety inspection was reviewed with particular needs being addressed. Superintendent Porter thanked Brooks Construction for another donation of dirtwork labor. Superintendent Porter discussed the Board's recommendation for a quote from Culligan Water Conditioning to replace the teacherage water softener and discussed the water-damaged flooring in the teacherage kitchen. The Board recommended contacting Lord's Inc. to obtain a price for a softener. Board member attendance at the NASB State Education Conference on November 20-22 was also discussed.

Principal Baumbach reported on the planned grades 4-6 attendance at "What The Wind Taught Me" on September 17 at the Fox Theatre in McCook commissioned by the Lied Center for Performing Arts. She also discussed upcoming activities such as "Kids on the Block", FFA Safety Day and Fitness Day. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on September 24 and 25 at the elementary building. Instructors will be reviewing NeSA and MAPS data scores of individual students in reading, writing, and math to examine ideas for increasing student performance. Principal Baumbach and board members commented on the success of elementary student adherence to activity rules.

Principal Springer reported on the attendance of junior-senior high students at the Fox Theatre presentation, Pink-Out Night for Breast Cancer Awareness to be held on October 10 during the volleyball game versus Cambridge with free popcorn being donated by the State Bank of Bartley for attendees wearing pink apparel. Principal Springer also discussed the hiring of a substitute custodian, progress on completion of NSSRS reports and meeting attendance, and NeSA standards.

Moved by Teter, seconded by S. McConville, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Ayes: Daffer, Sughroue, S. McConville, Teter, O. McConville, and Potthoff. 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, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Elementary School in Indianola.