

**SODA SPRINGS JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**April 24th, 2019
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DAN LAU	CHAIR
IRENE TORGESEN	VICE-CHAIR
CRAIG KENYON	TRUSTEE
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE
JIM STOOR	TRUSTEE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** After a few board members toured the Tigert Middle School construction, Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Chairman Lau was joined at the meeting by Vice-Chair Torgesen, Trustee Erickson, and Trustee Kenyon. Trustee Stoor joined the meeting via cellular phone. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Jess McMurray, Principal Rod Worthington, Principal Debra Daniels, High School Counselor Chris Ledbetter, two staff members, eight patrons, and six students.

 - 1.1 Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Lau asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added to the posted agenda. An agenda item to hear the Thirkill Elementary mascot change presentation was added as agenda item number three to the agenda. With no further changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
 - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Lau invited the trustees, administration, staff, and students to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Thirkill Elementary Students Mascot Presentation:** Six students from Thirkill Elementary School gave a presentation and proposed to change their school mascot from the Thunderbirds to Cardinals. The students had a well scripted presentation, including data from a survey they had conducted. After the board asked questions to the presenters, administration, and parents, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the proposal to change the Thirkill Elementary School mascot from Thunderbirds to Cardinals. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Continuous Improvement Plan / Administrative Reports:**

 - 3.1. Chairman:** Chairman Lau commended district administration and building principals for the work that they are doing in each of their buildings.

3.2. Superintendent: Superintendent Molly Stein reviewed the district’s Continuous Improvement Plan including testing, hiring updates, maintenance, summer project review, technology, and current legislation which could affect the district.

3.3. Principals:

3.3.1. Soda Springs High School: Jess McMurray, commented on the NICE program, student body elections, and the Love & Logic Conference teachers attended.

3.3.2. Tigert Middle School: Debra Daniels, reviewed the Leader in Me coaching day as well as the student led talent show.

3.3.3. Thirkill Elementary School: Rod Worthington, discussed the Lighthouse School Celebration on May 9th and recent reading event, “Muffins with Mom”.

4. Public Input: None

5. Faculty / Staff Input: High School Counselor, Chris Ledbetter, asked the board to review Policy 610 “High School Graduation Requirements” and Policy 602.9 “Idaho Digital Learning Academy Classes”. Superintendent Stein said that she would work with Principal McMurray and Counselor Ledbetter to suggest changes to these policies. Chairman Lau asked Clerk Balls to add the policies to next month’s agenda.

6. Policy Review:

6.1. 2nd Reading: Policy 551 “Student Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use”

6.2. 2nd Reading: Policy 633 “Dual Credit Programs”

6.3. 2nd Reading: Policy 710 “Student Transportation”

6.4. 2nd Reading: Policy 716 “Transportation Liability Insurance”

6.5. 2nd Reading: Policy 718 “Contracts for Student Transportation Service”

6.6. 2nd Reading: Policy 720 “Activity Busing”

6.7. 2nd Reading: Policy 722 “Unauthorized School Bus Entry”

6.8. 2nd Reading: Policy 730 “Student Bus Conduct”

6.9. 2nd Reading: Policy 732 “School Bus Emergencies”

6.10. 2nd Reading: Policy 738 “School Bus Driver”

6.11. 2nd Reading: Policy 740 “Duties of School Bus Drivers”

6.12. 2nd Reading: Policy 742 “Bus Driver Conduct”

6.13. 2nd Reading: Policy 744 “Bus Driver Drug and Alcohol Testing Program”

During the discussion on the 2nd readings of the above policies, Trustee Stoor left the meeting.

The board briefly discussed the 2nd readings of the above policies. It was determined to table the 2nd readings of Policy 633 “Dual Credit Programs” and Policy 720 “Activity Busing” until next month. After the discussion, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to approve the above policies as 2nd readings excluding Policy 633 “Dual Credit Programs” and Policy 720 “Activity Busing”. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Tigert Middle School Construction

7.1. Approve April Construction Bills: The board reviewed the bills scheduled to be paid in April 2019 for the Tigert Middle School construction totaling \$331,768.91. After a few questions and subsequent discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the Tigert Middle School construction bills to be paid in April 2019. Trustee Kenyon seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business: None

10. Consent Agenda:

10.1. Resignations: Kim John as District Secretary, Chris Burger as High School Teacher, and Sandra Batterton as Elementary Aide.

10.2. New Hires & Transfers: Cody Smith as High School Science Teacher and Dawn Beeton transferred from Tigert Middle School Secretary to District Secretary.

10.3. Hooper Building Appraisal: Performed by Brad Smith with Bear River Appraisals on March 5, 2019

10.4. Minutes from 03-27-2019 Board Meeting

10.5. Bills paid March 2019 totaling \$1,215,914.99

10.6. Budget ending March 31, 2019

After a short discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11. Announcements / Schedule / Correspondence: Clerk Balls reviewed a list of activities through the remainder of the school year.

12. Labor Contract Matters: Vice-Chair Torgesen and Trustee Erickson updated the board regarding the negotiation meetings held with the representatives of the Soda Springs Education Association. They reviewed the different items being discussed during previously held negotiation sessions.

13. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.