

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

**November 20, 2019
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DAN LAU	CHAIR
IRENE TORGESEN	VICE-CHAIR
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE
JIM STOOR	TRUSTEE
STEVEN BARKER	TRUSTEE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:06 pm with Vice-Chair Trustee Erickson and Trustee Barker in attendance. Vice-Chair Torgesen and Trustee Stoor would separately join the meeting already in progress. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, District Secretary Dawn Beeton, Principal Jess McMurray, two staff, five students, and one patron.

 - 1.1. Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Lau asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added to the posted agenda. Chairman Lau asked we switch agenda items #2 and #3. 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 Trustee Barker. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
 - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Lau invited the trustees, administration, patrons, students, and staff to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Executive Session: IDAHO CODE § 74-206(1)(b) – Student:** At 7:07pm, Chairman Lau asked for a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. Trustee Erickson made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barker. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Lau – Yes, Trustee Erickson – Yes, Trustee Barker - Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Stoor joined the meeting immediately following the motion vote to go into Executive Session.

While in executive session, the school board discussed the graduation plans of student 22 with the student, the parents, and high school administration.

At 7:20pm, Trustee Erickson made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barker. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Lau – Yes, Trustee Barker – Yes, Trustee Erickson – Yes, Trustee Stoor – Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Once out of executive session, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the graduation plan of student 22. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Student Activity Report: FFA National Convention:** The Soda Springs High School FFA chapter showed a video presentation and reported on their recent trip to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. The students highlighted what they learned and experienced at the convention. Trustee Jim Stoor then announced that Simplot is donating \$1,500 to the Soda Springs High School FFA chapter and presented the students with the check

Vice-Chair Torgesen joined the meeting during the presentation.

4. **Continuous Improvement Plan / Administrative Reports:**

- 4.1. **Chairman:** Chairman Lau thanked the board trustees for taking their personal time to attend the training at the Idaho School Boards Association annual conference earlier this month. He commented that it was an excellent conference.

- 4.2. **Superintendent:** Superintendent Stein reviewed the Continuous Improvement Plan by highlighted the efforts of district, school building, and local law enforcement personnel in student safety.

- 4.3. **Principals:**

- 4.3.1. Soda Springs High School: Jess McMurray mentioned about the Town Hall Meetings, Peer Mentor Program, and that the inaugural SSHS Debate team took 3rd place in a recent competition.

5. **Public / Faculty / Staff Input:** None

6. **Policy Review:**

- 6.1. 1st Reading Policy 260 "Agenda Preparation"
- 6.2. 1st Reading Policy 262 "Board Meetings"
- 6.3. 1st Reading Policy 280 "Waivers of SBE Education Rules"
- 6.4. 1st Reading Policy 304 "Superintendent Appointment"
- 6.5. 1st Reading Policy 305 "Superintendent Evaluation"
- 6.6. 1st Reading Policy 310 "Principal Evaluations"
- 6.7. 1st Reading Policy 314 "Employing Retired Admin"
- 6.8. 1st Reading Policy 354 "Emergency School Closure"
- 6.9. 1st Reading Policy 400.50 "Reporting New Employees"
- 6.10. 1st Reading Policy 462 "Staffing Patterns"
- 6.11. 1st Reading Policy 465 "Employing Retired Teachers"
- 6.12. 1st Reading Policy 507 "Juvenile Sex Offenders"
- 6.13. 1st Reading Policy 508 "Foreign Students"
- 6.14. 1st Reading Policy 518 "Student Electronic Devices"
- 6.15. 1st Reading Policy 520 "Proof of Age and Identification"
- 6.16. 1st Reading Policy 580 "Student Tracking Safety Devices"

Superintendent Stein reviewed the changes to the above policies. In Policy 518 "Student Electronic Devices" Trustee Stoor asked that smart watches be included in the list of devices. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the above policies as 1st readings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Tigert Middle School Construction

7.1. Approve November Construction Bills: The board reviewed the bills to be paid in November 2019 for the Tigert Middle School construction totaling \$10,751.62. After a few questions and subsequent discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the Tigert Middle School construction bills to be paid in November 2019. Trustee Barker seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7.2. Remaining Bond Funds and Tigert Middle School Needs Discussion: Clerk Balls reported to the board that he estimated there will be \$545,000 remaining in the TMS bond fund after all the Purchase Orders are paid. The board discussed the needs such as kitchen equipment that might be replaced with the money.

8. Old Business

8.1. 2018-2019 Financial Audit: Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Financial Audit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business:

9.1. 2020-2021 Supplemental Levy Discussion: Clerk Balls mentioned that the supplemental levy amount and term need to be decided during the December board meeting. Clerk Balls gave the board a financial history spreadsheet of the State and District, a timeline of elections, and a list of supplemental levy information for the entire state. The board will review the documents in preparation for the discussion in December.

9.2. Reopen 2019-2020 Budget Discussion: Clerk Balls asked the board in light of receiving the Emergency Levy monies, if the board would like to reopen the budget for this year. The board discussed the idea and thought it best for transparency to reopen the budget. Trustee Stoor made a motion to reopen the 2019-2020 school budget and for the budget hearing to be held December 18, 2019 at 7:00pm during the December board meeting.

9.3. Certification of Election: With each trustee running unopposed, Trustee Erickson made to a motion to certify Dan Lau as the elected trustee from Zone #1, Alan Erickson as the elected trustee from Zone #2, and Jim Stoor as the elected trustee from Zone #5. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barker. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Lau then asked Clerk Balls to issue the Certification of Election to the trustees.

10. Consent Agenda: Chairman Lau read through the consent agenda detailing each item and asking if any discussion was needed.

10.1. Minutes from 10-23-2019 Board Meeting

10.2. Bills paid October 2019 totaling \$767,730.31

10.3. Budget ending September 30, 2019

10.4. 2018-2019 SSHS & TMS Athletic Costs

Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barker. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously with Vice-Chair Torgesen abstaining.

11. Announcements / Schedule / Correspondence:

11.1. The board discussed the holiday party on December 2nd at the Playhouse Palace in Chubbuck.

11.2. The board decided to hand out hams and gift cards to the staff on December 17th at 10am.

11.3. The board discussed ISBA Day on the Hill in February 2020.

12. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.