

**SODA SPRINGS JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #150**

**BOARD MEETING**

**DECEMBER 12th, 2012**

**TIGERT MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMONS AREA**

**6:30 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>ALAN ERICKSON</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
<b>JAMES STOOR</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>
<b>LYNDA LEE</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>JAMES SMITH</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>CHAD CHRISTENSEN</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>

**1. Call Meeting to Order.** Chairman Erickson called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the above trustees in attendance as well as Jonathan Balls, Clerk, Doug Owen, Principal, Robert Daniel, Principal, Doug Hogan, Maintenance Director and two staff members. Superintendent Stein was excused.

**1.1 Approval of Agenda.** Chairman Erickson asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Clerk Balls said that Russ Clark needed to be added to the agenda for a Wrestling request. Chairman Erickson put this as agenda item 8.0. Vice-Chairman Stoor asked that we put an agenda item to discuss distribution of the Christmas Hams. Chairman Erickson put that as agenda item 8.6. Trustee Lee made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance.** Chairman Erickson invited the trustees, administration, and staff to join in with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Read and Approve Minutes.**

**2.1 Approve Minutes of November 7th, 2012.** Trustee Christensen said that an 's' was missing from the heading of 8.3 on the "500's". Trustee Christensen moved to accept the minutes as amended of November 7th, 2012. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Ratify Bills / Budget Report**

**3.1 Ratify Bills: November 2012** After discussion and questions by the board, Trustee Lee made a motion to accept the bills from November 2012. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**3.2 Budget: November 2012** Clerk Balls presented the budget as of 11/30/2012.

There were questions answered and discussion around a few line items of the budget

**4. Correspondence.** None

**5. Public Input:** None

**6. Faculty/Staff Input:** Principal Owen mentioned to the board regarding the recent and on-going Charitable Fundraisers at the High School. Turkeys were able to be bought, a Toys for Tots drive and currently pennies are being collected for “Bikes for Tykes”.

**7. Old Business**

**7.1 Coaches’ Rules Update:** Principal Owen made mention of the Parent Manual that was included in the board packet and handed out the individual High School sports rules. Vice-Chairman Stoor asked if this information could be added to the board packet for future on-line reference. Clerk Balls will update it. After some discussion, Trustee Smith wanted to make sure the total cost of the sport is handed out during tryouts so the students and parents knew what they could expect to pay. Also Trustee Smith asked that each coach uses a checklist to make sure all the necessary items were taken care of at the start of the season.

**8. New Business**

**8.0 Wrestling Over Night Stay Request:** Russ Clark, the High School Wrestling coach, asked for permission to stay in Malad on December 14<sup>th</sup> to save money in bussing the Wrestlers to and from Soda Springs Friday night and Saturday Night. The bus driver will be given a hotel room and the Wrestlers will stay in Malad’s wrestling room. After some discussion, Trustee Smith asked if 2 male adults will be present at all times and Russ said yes. Trustee Smith made a motion to allow the Wrestling team to stay in Malad on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.1 First Reading – Policy 522: School Attendance and Habitual Truancy:** The board reviewed the changes regarding how the Attendance Committee may be chosen.

**8.2 First Reading – Policy 573: Athletic Activities Insurance:** The board reviewed the changes that the student can also show proof of having other insurance. Vice-Chairman Stoor made a motion to approve the First Reading of Policies 522 and 573. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**8.3 Proposed Calendar Change:** Principal Daniel and Owen discussion using a mid-week day to have ISU come and align curriculum with all the Educators input for the Common Core initiative. The discussion revolved around making sure we still have enough Student contact hours in the calendar and letting parents know as soon as the date has been set. Specific details will be discussed at the January 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**8.4 2013 Board Elections:** Clerk Balls mentioned that Zones 1,2,3, and 4 will be up for election in 2013. Zones 1 and 2 will be elected to a 2 year term and Zones 3 and 4 to a 4 year term to make sure that we do not have 4 zones up for election again. This was due to the Statute having a wrong date when it was first written. However, the next year when the correction was made in the Statute, it was not realized so the incorrect date was used resulting in 4 trustees being elected in 2013. Legal opinions were sought and the State Attorney General’s office contacted to verify that this course of action was correct.

**8.5 Levy amount decision on January 9<sup>th</sup>:** Clerk Balls asked the Board to be prepared to set the Levy amount at the January 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The Board expressed frustration at not knowing what the Legislature will do with Personal Property tax. Clerk Balls

mentioned that there are a lot of unknowns; however he has to have the Levy 'wording' to the counties by the 29<sup>th</sup> of January.

This led to another discussion regarding bonding for some facility needs. Discussion was had regarding splitting up the projects and bonding for a small amount for each project. Clerk Balls mentioned he had talked to the Business Manager at Sugar Salem and how they had bonded for every project in a lump sum. Discussion was had around putting a very simple practice gym on the High School campus, a new roof at the Thirkill building and how these and other projects would do in a bond election. The general consensus was that Bond rates are very low, materials are low, and we should continue to gather information on costs.

**8.6 Christmas Hams for staff:** The board has authorized the purchase of a ½ Tavern Ham for each staff member. Clerk Balls has ordered those from our local super markets. The board decided to meet on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to visit the schools and hand out the Christmas cards and Hams.

**9. Superintendent & Chairman Report: None**

- 10. Executive Session – Idaho Code #67-2345 Subsection A – Personnel Issue.** Vice-Chairman Stoor made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345 Subsection A. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. On voice count: Chairman Erickson: Yes, Vice-Chairman Stoor: Yes, Trustee Lee: Yes, Trustee Christensen: Yes, Trustee Smith: Yes. The motion passed unanimously. After discussion in Executive Session, Trustee Lee made a motion to move out of executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345 Subsection A. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. On voice count: Chairman Erickson: Yes, Vice-Chairman Stoor: Yes, Trustee Lee: Yes, Trustee Christensen: Yes, Trustee Smith: Yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Board authorized Superintendent Stein a year-end bonus and authorized her to distribute amounts among key Administrative employees.
- 11. Tour Tigert Middle School Building:** Principal Daniel led the board through the rooms and areas of the Tigert Middle School.
- 11. Adjournment.** With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Erickson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.