

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

**February 27th, 2019
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:07 pm with and Trustee Erickson, Trustee Kenyon, and Trustee Stoor in attendance. Vice-Chair Torgesen would join the meeting already in progress. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Jess McMurray, Principal Rod Worthington, Principal Debra Daniels, and three students.
 - 1.1 Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Lau asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added to the posted agenda. Clerk Balls asked that an emergency action item be added to the agenda to discuss a resignation. The reason for the emergency action item is to accept the resignation to be able to advertise the position quickly. Chairman Lau placed the resignation action item to review the resignation as agenda item 9.5 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 Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Torgesen entered the meeting already in progress.
 - 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. Student Celebration: SSHS Girls Basketball Academic and State Champions:** Chairman Lau and the board commended the SSHS Girls Basketball Team for being Academic State Champions as well as back to back Girls Basketball Champions winning 53 straight games. The board commended the girls for the way they represented Soda Springs High School and Community.
- 3. Continuous Improvement Plan / Administrative Reports:**
 - 3.1. Chairman:** No report given.

3.2. Superintendent: Superintendent Stein reviewed the district’s Continuous Improvement Plan including her involvement in the Superintendent Network, curriculum, hiring, student safety, maintenance, and technology.

3.3. Principals:

3.3.1. Soda Springs High School: Principal McMurray shared the high school’s higher attendance percentage data, peer tutor successes, and an opportunity for a Amazon Future Engineer Grant.

3.3.2. Tigert Middle School: Principal Daniels shared the middle schools staff internal assessment called the “Good, Bad, Ugly Review”. Through this process, Flex time will change to provide more structure. She also highlighted the lower discipline incidences at the school.

3.3.3. Thirkill Elementary School: Principal Worthington shared the elementary school’s family literacy month with several activities including “Donuts with Dad”, Winter Family Fun Night, and Dr. Seuss Week. The staff is focused on writing in all their curriculum.

3.3.3.1. Qualtrics Survey Presentation: Principal McMurray reviewed with the board recent surveys including charts, graphs, and data results that were generated using the Qualtrics Survey software.

4. Public Input: None

5. Faculty / Staff Input: None

6. Policy Review:

6.1. 1st Reading: Policy 609 “Middle School / Junior High School Credit” The school board discussed at length the phrase “passing grades (“D” or better) in 4 out of 5 of the core content areas”. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the changes to Policy 609 as 1st reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Tigert Middle School Construction

7.1. Approve February Construction Bills: The board reviewed the bills scheduled to be paid in February 2019 for the Tigert Middle School construction totaling \$270,770.80. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the Tigert Middle School construction bills to be paid in February 2019. Trustee Erickson seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7.2. Change Order Options: The board discussed the need and financial impact of the following change orders:

CR032 – Glass Shelves for Display Case - \$2,743

CR033 – Gym Curtain Receiver and Remote - \$391

After reviewing the individual change orders, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the above change orders. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

9.1. Emergency School Closure 02-04, 02-05, 02-14, and 2-25-2019: Superintendent Stein reviewed the snowing and blowing conditions on these dates as well as the process of determining to cancel school or not. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the emergency school closures on February 4th, 5th, 14th, and 25th 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9.2. Calendar Changes – Makeup Snow Days(s) & TMS Inservice Change: Superintendent Stein and the Building Principals proposed the following to the school board:

1. TMS In-service: Swap May 23, 2019 Teacher in-service day for Friday April 12, 2019 to accommodate Leader In Me Training.
2. District Wide Snow Make-up Plan: Instead of May 22nd being an early release, it will be a full day for teachers and students. In addition, May 23rd will be a full for for teachers and a half day for High school students.
3. The high school has also added 4 minutes to the end of each day until the end of school.
4. If any other days are missed, school will be in session March 1st or March 8th, or a Friday yet to be determined.

After this discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the calendar changes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9.3. 2019 2019- 2020 School Calendar Draft: The school board discussed the 2019-2020 draft calendar proposed by district administration. The main difference this year is to finish the first semester before the Christmas break. The board reviewed the proposed calendar month by month. Discussion was had around the proposed winter break and the two-day spring break. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the calendar as first reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9.4. Van or Suburban Student Travel: Superintendent Stein mentioned that several spring athletic and co-curricular teams are very small. She asked the board if they would still like to put them on a yellow bus. The board decided that the general rule will be to put them on a yellow bus and any exception to that rule will need to come before the board.

9.5. Resignation: Superintendent Stein brought forth the resignation letter of Transportation Director Brent John effective June 1st, 2019. After a brief discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept the resignation of Brent John as Transportation Director effective June 1st, 2019. Trustee Kenyon seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Consent Agenda:

- 10.1. Minutes from 01-16-2019 Board Meeting**
- 10.2. Bills paid January 2019 totaling \$775,303.14**
- 10.3. Budget ending January 31, 2019**
- 10.4. Bond Financial Statements & Reports**

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

11. Announcements / Schedule / Correspondence

11.1. Supplemental Levy Election 03-12-2019: Clerk Balls reminded the board of the supplemental levy election on March 12, 2019 from 8am to 8pm at the Hooper School.

Vice-Chairman Torgesen excused herself from the remainder of the meeting.

12. Executive Session: IDAHO CODE § 74-206(1)(b) – Employee: At 10:05 pm, Chairman Lau asked for a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Employee. Trustee Kenyon made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Employee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Lau – Yes, Trustee Stoor – Yes, Trustee Erickson – Yes, Trustee Kenyon - Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the board discussed Superintendent Stein’s evaluation.

At 10:24pm, Trustee Erickson made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Lau – Yes, Trustee Stoor – Yes, Trustee Kenyon – Yes, Trustee Erickson - Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

12.1. Executive Session Action Item: Once out of executive session, the board discussed extending Superintendent Stein’s contract by one year. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to extend Superintendent Stein’s contract by one year making it a three-year contract until June 30, 2022. Trustee Erickson seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

13. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 10:29pm.