

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

**October 25th, 2017
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:02 pm with Trustee Erickson, Trustee Kenyon, and Trustee Stoor in attendance. Vice-Chair Torgesen joined the meeting while in progress. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Debra Daniels, Counselor Chris Ledbetter, four patrons, and two staff.

1.1 Approval of Agenda: Chairman Lau asked if any additional agenda items were needed to be added to the posted agenda. With no changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Lau invited the trustees, administration, staff, and patrons to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Executive Session: Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student:** At 7:04pm, Chairman Lau asked for a motion to go into executive session. Trustee Stoor made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Lau: Yes, Trustee Erickson: Yes, Trustee Kenyon: Yes, and Trustee Stoor: Yes.

While in executive session, Counselor Ledbetter discussed with the board three students and their alternate education plans.

Vice-Chair Torgesen joined the executive session while in progress.

At 7:18 pm, 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, Vice-Chair Torgesen: Yes, Trustee Erickson: Yes, Trustee Kenyon: Yes, and Trustee Stoor: Yes.

Once out of executive session, Trustee Erickson made a motion to allow Student A and Student B to graduate early and Student C to have an additional free period. He also asked that these students come and

meet with the board at a future board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. **2016-2017 Testing Report:** Counselor Ledbetter discussed with the board the Math, ELA, IRI, ACT, and SAT test scores that the students received last school year. The board asked questions of Counselor Ledbetter.
4. **Caldwell Canyon Mine Presentation:** Monsanto mine engineer Chris Leatherman made a presentation to the board regarding the proposed Caldwell Canyon Mine. After reviewing the details, he asked the board collectively and individually to consider commenting favorably on the mine when the comment period opens next January.
5. **TMS Construction Update:**

5.1 Construction Meeting October 19th, 2017. Chairman Lau updated the board that he, Trustee Erickson, along with Superintendent Molly Stein, Business Manager Jonathan Balls, Maintenance Lead Bob Gentry and Principal Debbie Daniels met with representatives from GPC Architects and Headwaters construction company to discuss early progress on the Tigert Middle School Project. The purpose of this meeting was to validate the programming documentation to date, review the broad concept, scope schedule and budget. The relevant programming process and documents generated from meeting with pertinent staff were reviewed and clarified.

1. Maintenance equipment storage and general storage was discussed.
2. Electrical needs were discussed for the classrooms and gym storage areas.
3. Geo Tech Reports were reviewed. Additional information regarding the existing fill was requested from the District. (The District has located this information)
4. Asbestos removal was further discussed. (The District has detailed reports of asbestos for both the gym and annex.)
5. The auxiliary gym space was discussed for use as a possible place for low level basketball practice (targeted practice and City Recreation) in addition to the previous discussions of wrestling, PE, cheerleading, dance etc. It was the consensus of the group that the addition of adequate floor markings and retractable nets would make the area useful in a limited capacity for basketball if necessary. No design changes would be required.
6. Reports were given on the status of the current HVAC system and the ability to tie into the new construction. In addition, the necessity to tie into the existing building with carpet, intercom and phone systems was clarified.
7. Demolition of the current structures was discussed. It will be roughly a three week process. It was suggested that the main demolition be conducted during spring break to ensure greater safety since students and staff will be out of school.

The team further reviewed the timeline. There was a brief discussion as to the rescheduling of gym and classroom events. The District will have alternative meeting places for Band, Computers, and Art by December.

The next TMS construction meeting has been scheduled for November 30, 2017.

5.3 October Construction Bills: Clerk Balls brought forth the October TMS building construction bills to be paid totaling \$38,405.67. After a short discussion, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to approve the October construction bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

6.1. Approve the minutes of September 27th, 2017 board meeting: Chairman Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few grammatical changes to help the minutes read easier. With no other changes to the minutes, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 27th, 2017 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ratify Bills and review Budget Report

7.1. Ratify Bills: September 2017 – The board reviewed the bills paid during September 2017 totaling \$595,904.97. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify the bills paid during September 2017. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7.2. Budget Report: September 2017 The board reviewed the budget for the period ending September 30th, 2017 and asked questions of Clerk Balls.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Public Input: None

10. Staff Input: Principal Hansen stated that the PTO has its fall festival at Thirkill Elementary on October 26th from 5pm to 8pm and the Craft Fair, also at Thirkill, on November 3rd and November 4th. Principal Daniels stated that the high school has been a big help to the Tigert Middle School in sharing their gym space. Superintendent Stein stated that there are district wide parent teacher conferences on November 2nd and the Veteran’s Program will be held on November 9th in the High School Gym.

11. Old Business:

11.1 2nd Reading: 2016-2017 Financial Audit: With no comments on the audit, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Financial Audit as 2nd reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11.2 2nd Reading Policy 681: “Student Records”: With no changes, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve Policy 681 as 2nd reading. Trustee Stoor seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

12. New Business:

12.1. Resignation: Superintendent Stein presented the resignation letter of Chris Carroll as the High School music teacher effective mid-December. She also asked the board to let him out of his current contract for the 2017-2018 school year. After a short discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the resignation of Chris Carroll and to terminate his signed contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

12.2. 1st Reading: Policy 414 - “Sexual Harassment”

12.3. 1st Reading: Policy 443 - “Certificated Employee Evaluations”

12.4. 1st Reading: Policy 566 - “Student Suicide Prevention”

12.5. 1st Reading: Policy 630 - “Dual Enrollment”

12.6. 1st Reading: Policy 677 – “Title I – Parent Involvement”

12.7. 1st Reading: Policy 850 - “Purchasing”

12.8. 1st Reading: Policy 850.30 - “Purchasing Public Property”

12.9. 1st Reading: Policy 850.60 - “Service Contracts”

12.10. 1st Reading: Policy 850.90 - “Public Works Construction”

12.11. 1st Reading: Policy 851 - “Supplemental Bidding Procedures”

12.12. 1st Reading: Policy 904 - “Building Safety”

Superintendent Stein reviewed the changes to the above policies with the board. The board discussed at length each policy. Regarding Policy 566 “Student Suicide Prevention”, the board discussed the duty to warn and who to warn. Regarding the Purchasing, Contracts, and Construction policies, although state law has changed to allow a \$50,000 threshold for projects and licenses, the board would like to keep the \$25,000 threshold. The policies will be updated accordingly for 2nd reading.

13. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

13.1. ISBA Annual Convention Nov 8th – 10th: Clerk Balls coordinated with the board on when to leave for Coeur d’Alene on November 8th.

13.2. Boardmanship: Trustee Lau reviewed Code of Ethics for School Board Members.

The board discussed the next board meeting date and time. After identifying several conflicts, the board decided that Tuesday November 14th at 1:00pm will be the best date for the next board meeting.

14. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm.