

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

**January 15th, 2014
DISTRICT OFFICE
6:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

JIM STOOR	CHAIRMAN
CHAD CHRISTENSEN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
DAN LAU	TRUSTEE
IRENE TORGESEN	TRUSTEE
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Stoor called the Board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Chairman Stoor, Vice-Chairman Christensen, Trustee Erickson, Trustee Torgesen, and Trustee Lau were in attendance as well as Dr. Molly Stein, Superintendent, Jonathan Balls, Clerk, Sue Hansen, Principal, Debra Daniels, Principal, Robert Daniel, Principal, Coach Ken Heuseveldt, Brent John, Transportation Director, Carol Williams, Technology Director, three educators, one staff member, twenty three students, and five patrons.

1.1 Approval of Agenda. Chairman Stoor asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Principal Daniel asked to add an item to the agenda regarding overnight Athletic stays. Chairman Stoor added that as agenda item 9.4. Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

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

2. Student Celebration: TMS Girls Basketball Teams. The board recognized the 7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball Teams for their undefeated season. Coach Heuseveldt commented on how great the girls were to coach and how well they represented their school and district. The board congratulated them on this accomplishment and encouraged them to continue to excel on the court and in the classroom.

3. Read and Approve Minutes.

3.1 Approve Minutes of December 18th, 2013 and January 8th, 2014 Board Meetings. With no changes needed, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18th, 2013 and January 8th, 2014 as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Ratify Bills / Budget Report

4.1 Ratify Bills: December 2013 The board reviewed and asked a few questions of Clerk Balls regarding the bills from December 2013. After the discussion, Trustee Lau made a motion to ratify the bills from December 2013. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Budget Report: December 2013 The board reviewed the budget as of December 31st, 2013.

5. Correspondence: Superintendent Stein received the resignation of Jane Garbett effective the end of the school year. Trustee Lau made a motion to accept the resignation of Jane Garbett. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stoor expressed gratitude for Mrs. Garbett's many years of teaching the youth of the community.

6. Public Input: None

7. Faculty/Staff Input: Principal Hansen commented how well her staff handled a life threatening incident when a student was choking. Chairman Stoor asked about basic First Aid / CPR skills training for the staff. The staff does go through a First Aid / CPR course with the Safe Schools program.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

9.1 Wayan Bus Route: Director John presented the numbers of paying the three Wayan families an in-lieu-of transportation reimbursement and not send the bus. This will save the district approximately \$3000 a year plus wear and tear on the bus and tires. Chairman Stoor removed himself from behind the board table to be able to comment as one of those families. Discussion was had about the driver's job, the mileage rate, and the sentiment of taking another piece out of Wayan. After hearing from the interested parties, Superintendent Stein and Director John will make the decision regarding the Wayan Bus Route.

9.2 Supplemental Levy: Superintendent Stein, Clerk Balls, and the board shared their thoughts about the needs of the district that the Supplemental Levy will fill. They also discussed raising the Supplemental Levy and the implication that would have in the community. After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to authorize a resolution calling for a Supplemental Levy election for the amount of \$798,000 for one year. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

9.3 Technology Update: Director Williams presented an overview of the technology of the district. She shared the number of devices compared to the number of students, the current technology infrastructure, the infrastructure needs at each building, the future plans to expand wireless hot spots in each building. Superintendent Stein shared ways that each High School student could have their own device.

9.4 High School Athletic Overnight Trips: Principal Daniel asked that the board approve overnight stays for the Wrestling team to Wendell and Sugar Salem, the Drill Team to Jerome, and the Baseball & Softball teams to Glens Ferry. After discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve these overnight trips to save on transportation costs. The motion was seconded by Trustee

Lau. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Stoor wanted to have the coaches come in and report on their trips when they were completed.

10. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

10.1 Facilities Committee Report: Superintendent Stein reported that the first committee meeting took place on Tuesday. She was encouraged by those members that came and their willingness to participate.

10.2 Governor's Budget: Superintendent Stein touched on the Governor's Budget and how that differs from Superintendent Luna's budget.

10.3 Music Program: Superintendent Stein reported that the Principals, the music teacher, and she met to discuss how to generate music interest among the students. Integrating the High School and Middle School Students and continuing with music at Thirkill were ways to help bolster the program. The second semester music numbers show increases, which has all encouraged.

10.4 Day on Hill: Superintendent Stein and Chairman Stoor asked who would like to attend the ISBA's Day on the Hill February 24th and 25th. All board members expressed interest in going. Clerk Balls will get everyone registered.

11. Executive Session – None:

12. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Stoor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46pm.