

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DAN LAU

CHAIR

IRENE TORGESEN

VICE-CHAIR

CRAIG KENYON

TRUSTEE

ALAN ERICKSON

TRUSTEE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** After a few board members toured the Tigert Middle School construction, Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:13 pm. Chairman Lau was joined at the meeting by Vice-Chair Torgesen Trustee Erickson, and Trustee Kenyon. Trustee Stoor had previously asked to be excused from this meeting. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Jess McMurray, Principal Rod Worthington, Principal Debra Daniels, one staff member, and four students.

 - 1.1 Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Lau asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added to the posted agenda. With no changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
 - 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. Tigert Middle School Mascot Presentation:** Four students from Tigert Middle School gave a presentation and proposed to change their school mascot from Eagles to Cardinals. The students displayed the mascot survey results where over 600 students, parents, teachers and patrons participated in the student directed survey. After a discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the proposal to change the Tigert Middle School mascot from Eagles to Cardinals. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Continuous Improvement Plan / Administrative Reports:**

 - 3.1. Chairman:** Chairman Lau asked for comments regarding board training. Clerk Balls showed the list of approved trainers and topics from the State Board of Education website. The board thought that focusing on the financing will be the most beneficial.
 - 3.2. Superintendent:** Superintendent Molly Stein then updated the board regarding the district's Continuous Improvement Plan including testing and accountability, hiring updates, maintenance, technology, and the current legislation that could affect the district.

3.3. Principals:

- 3.3.1.** Soda Springs High School: Principal McMurray mentioned the high school's improved March attendance data, the after-school tutor program, and the 4 'R's.
- 3.3.2.** Tigert Middle School: Principal Daniels invited the board to the TMS Talent Show on April 15th. She also mentioned that the school exceeded its math goal by 4.4%.
- 3.3.3.** Thirkill Elementary School: Principal Worthington, announced that the school qualified as a Lighthouse School. He commended previous principal Sue Hansen and the teachers for reaching this goal. He also highlighted the coding activities that grade 1-4 are enjoying.

4. Public Input: None

- 5. Faculty / Staff Input:** TMS and High School teacher, Jennifer Collins mentioned to the board that the Junior Prom floor show is on Saturday April 6, 2019 at 9:00pm at the High School. She invited the board to attend.

6. Policy Review:

- 6.1. 2nd Reading: Policy 609 "Middle School / Junior High School Credit"** After a short discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the changes to Policy 609 as 2nd reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- 6.2. 1st Reading: Policy 551 "Student Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use"**
- 6.3. 1st Reading: Policy 633 "Dual Credit Programs"**
- 6.4. 1st Reading: Policy 710 "Student Transportation"**
- 6.5. 1st Reading: Policy 716 "Transportation Liability Insurance"**
- 6.6. 1st Reading: Policy 718 "Contracts for Student Transportation Service"**
- 6.7. 1st Reading: Policy 720 "Activity Busing"**
- 6.8. 1st Reading: Policy 722 "Unauthorized School Bus Entry"**
- 6.9. 1st Reading: Policy 730 "Student Bus Conduct"**
- 6.10. 1st Reading: Policy 732 "School Bus Emergencies"**
- 6.11. 1st Reading: Policy 738 "School Bus Driver"**
- 6.12. 1st Reading: Policy 740 "Duties of School Bus Drivers"**
- 6.13. 1st Reading: Policy 742 "Bus Driver Conduct"**
- 6.14. 1st Reading: Policy 744 "Bus Driver Drug and Alcohol Testing Program"**

Superintendent Stein reviewed the above policies with the board members. Short discussions were had about each policy. After reviewing them all, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the above policies 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 March Construction Bills:** The board reviewed the bills scheduled to be paid in March 2019 for the Tigert Middle School construction totaling \$527,594.85. After the discussion, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to approve the Tigert Middle School construction bills to be paid in March 2019. Vice-Chair Torgesen seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business:

- 8.1. 2019-2020 School Calendar:** The board reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 school calendar. The discussion focused around what was best educationally for the students, winter break scheduled for February 18th – 20th, and Spring Break scheduled for March 25th – 26th. After the initial discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar. The motion died due to lack of a second. More discussion was had regarding Spring testing dates and the days when students

were not in school during the second semester. After this discussion and with no changes to the proposed 2019-2020 calendar, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the proposed 2019-2020 school calendar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. Using a voice vote, the motion passed 3 yes votes to 1 no vote, with Vice-Chair Torgesen voting no.

9. New Business:

9.1. Student Travel – SSHS Golf and FFA Teams: Superintendent Stein and Principal McMurray explained that there are under 5 members of the golf team and the Future Farmers of America (FFA) club. These low numbers presented problems with trying to arrange travel to their activities. The board discussed the safety and associated cost of traveling on a yellow school bus. They discussed traveling in other modes of public transportation and using other school owned vehicles. After the discussion, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to allow the Golf and FFA teams to use non-bus school owned vehicles driven by their coach or advisor to their activities. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Consent Agenda:

- 10.1. Minutes from 02-27-2019 Board Meeting**
- 10.2. Bills paid February 2019 totaling \$880,104.56**
- 10.3. Budget ending February 28, 2019**
- 10.4. March 12, 2019 Supplemental Levy Results: \$728K Levy passed with 67.47% yes votes**
- 10.5. Resignation of Mike Messerly as a High School Teacher**

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. Negotiations: Clerk Balls asked Chairman Lau to appoint two members of the board to negotiate the 2019-2020 agreement with two members of the Soda Springs Education Association. Vice-Chair Torgesen and Trustee Erickson agreed to fulfil this assignment.

12. Executive Session: IDAHO CODE § 74-206(1)(b) – Employee: At 9:41 pm, Chairman Lau asked for a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Employee. Trustee Erickson made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Employee. 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. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the board heard regarding the athletic coaches' evaluation process.

At 9:44pm, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Lau – Yes, Vice-Chair Torgesen - Yes, Trustee Erickson – Yes, Trustee Kenyon - Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.