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

March 18, 2020 District Offices 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

IRENE TORGESEN CHAIR

STEVEN BARKER VICE-CHAIR

ALAN ERICKSON TRUSTEE

JIM STOOR TRUSTEE

DAN LAU TRUSTEE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order: Chair Torgesen called the board meeting to order at 7:04 pm with Vice-Chair Barker, Trustee Stoor, Trustee Lau, and Trustee Erickson in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Treasurer Dawn Beeton, Principal Jess McMurray, Principal Debra Daniels, and Principal Rod Worthington.
 - **1.1. Approval of Agenda:** Chair Torgesen 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 Lau made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barker. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
 - **1.2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Torgesen invited the trustees and administration to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Continuous Improvement Plan / Administrative Reports:

2.1. Superintendent:

2.1.1. COVID-19 Coronavirus – School District Plan: Superintendent Stein handed out the working document that she and the building principals had been creating regarding safety of the students and staff during this COVID-19 Pandemic. The board discussed moving from the traditional based education to online education and how long to close the buildings. Trustee Lau made a motion to close the building due to COVID-19 between March 19, 2020 to April 2, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. If needed the board decided to meet on April 2, 2020 at 9am.

2.2. Principals:

- **2.2.1.** High School Principal Jess McMurray reported that SSHS teachers will be taking attendance, grading assignments, and providing quality education online.
- **2.2.2.** Tigert Middle School Principal Debra Daniels reported that 30 devices had been loaned to students, teachers were using Google Classroom, Zoom meetings, Educreations, Remind 101 and others to communicate and deliver online education with students.
- **2.2.3.** Thirkill Elementary Principal Rod Worthington shared that Thirkill teachers have created learning packets with review and new material for the students to use at home.

It was noted by all building principals that the teachers were doing a great job finding new ways to present learning opportunities electronically.

3. Public / Faculty / Staff Input: None

4. Policy Review:

- 4.1. 1st Reading: Policy 543 "Student Suspension"
- 4.2. 1st Reading: Policy 544 "Student Expulsion / Denial of Enrollment"
- 4.3. 1st Reading: Policy 545 "Disciplining Students with Disabilities"
- 4.4. 1st Reading: Policy 548 "Theft or Destruction of School Property"
- 4.5. 1st Reading: Policy 549 "Prohibition of Gang Activities"
- 4.6. 1st Reading: Policy 552 "Hazing Prohibition"
- 4.7. 1st Reading: Policy 553 "Restraint and Seclusion"
- 4.8. 1st Reading: Policy 679 "Religion in Schools"
- 4.9. 1st Reading: Policy 679.50 "Homeless Student Education"
- 4.10. 1st Reading: Policy 681 "Student Records"
- 4.11. 1st Reading: Policy 699 "Technology Instruction & Determining ADA"
- 4.12. 1st Reading: Policy 840 "Payroll Deductions"
- 4.13. 1st Reading: Policy 972 "Facility Therapy Dogs"

Chair Torgesen asked that the board members email any concerns to Superintendent Stein. Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the above policies as 1st reading. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barker. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. TMS Construction

5.1. Approve February Construction Bills: The board discussed the March TMS Construction bills totaling \$3,102.08. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the March Construction Bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

6.1. SSHS Gymnasium Update: Superintendent Stein and Clerk Balls gave the board an update on the ICRMP insurance claim on the High School Gym Floor. They will tentatively start on May 22, 2020 by removing the bleachers, gym floor, and sub floor. The gym will be sealed off from the rest of the building. The mold on the joists will then be blasted the dry ice and strong vacuums removing the mold from the air. A visqueen plastic will be put on the dirt floor. The subfloor will then be replaced. The gym floor will be brought in to acclimate, afterward the floor will be installed and repainted. The

bleachers will then be put back. Air samples will be taken at every stage to ensure the mold is removed.

6.2. SSHS Track Bids: Track Bids were solicited and received back on March 4, 2020. The following are the low bidders that can completely perform the work – along with the project budget:

A+ Contractors: \$540,275.25
Track Doctor: \$112,500
Sprinkler & Sod: \$35,000
Testing: \$2,000
Contingency: \$10,224.75
Total Budget: \$700,000

The board discussed the vendors and the budget. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the track bids and proceed with the project. Trustee Lau seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

- **7.1. Negotiation Committee Assignments:** With the negotiation time approaching, Clerk Balls asked Chair Torgesen to assign two board members for this committee. Chair Torgesen solicited volunteers, after the discussion, Trustee Stoor and Trustee Lau will serve on the negotiation committee for this year.
- **8.** Consent Agenda: Chair Torgesen read through the consent agenda detailing each item and asking if any discussion was needed.
 - 8.1. Minutes from February 26, 2020 and March 16, 2020 Board Meetings
 - **8.2. Bills paid February 2020 totaling \$796,572.97** Trustee Stoor asked about the electric bill at the Tigert Middle School.
 - **8.3. Budget ending February 29, 2020** Chair Torgesen asked Tigert Middle School Maintenance and Transportation Maintenance accounts.
 - 8.4. March 10, 2020 Supplemental Levy Results \$698,000 passed with 65.20% approval

Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barker. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 9. Announcements / Schedule / Correspondence: None
- **10. Adjournment.** With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chair Torgesen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.