

SODA SPRINGS JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #150

BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 16th, 2013

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 6:32 p.m. Chairman Stoor, Vice-Chairman Christensen, Trustee Lau, and Trustee Erickson were in attendance as well as Dr. Molly Stein, Superintendent, Jonathan Balls, Clerk, Sue Hansen, Principal, Debbie Daniels, Principal, Robert Daniel, Principal, Doug Hogan, Maintenance Director, Christine Ledbetter, Counselor, Wade Schvaneveldt, Athletic Director, Michael Messerly, Soda Pops Director, Scott Bond, and one patron. Trustee Torgesen arrived soon after the meeting began.

1.1 Approval of Agenda. Chairman Stoor asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Superintendent Stein said that an Executive Session was needed to discuss a legal issue. Chairman Stoor also moved the Auditor's Report to 3.3 of the Agenda. Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- 2. Read and Approve Minutes.**

2.1 Approve Minutes of September 18th, 2013 Board Meeting. There were no changes needed in the minutes. Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18th, 2013. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Ratify Bills / Budget Report**

3.1 Ratify Bills: September 2013 The board reviewed and asked questions of Clerk Balls regarding the bills from September 2013. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to

ratify the bills from September 2013. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Budget Report: September 2013: The Trustees reviewed the budget as of September 2013. Clerk Balls answered the questions the board had.

3.3 Auditor's Report: Scott Bond with Rudd & Company presented the Audit finding from the 2012-2013 budget. The District received two unqualified opinions, which is the best possible. He highlighted some pages of the report that he felt the board should pay attention to and mentioned some recommendations for improvement. (During this presentation, Trustee Torgesen arrived in the meeting.) Chairman Stoor asked the trustees to review the report and Clerk Balls will put it on the agenda for the November 20th meeting.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Input: None

6. Faculty/Staff Input: None

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

8.1 Safety Bus Stop: Superintendent Stein mentioned that a safety bus stop needs to be added to the bottom of Rose Avenue and Mountain View. Trustee Lau made a motion to accept the additional Safety Bus Stop. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Alternative Graduation Route: Chris Ledbetter explained that due to the State changing from the ISAT to SBAC testing, the class of 2016 needed an Alternative Graduation route available. She mentioned that this would apply to about 5% to 10% of the class, but was needed due to the change from the state. After questions by the board, Trustee Lau made a motion to accept this Alternative Graduation Route for the class of 2016. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Soda Pops Trip: Director Messerly and Principal Daniel presented details of a trip that the Soda Pops would like to go on next April to Nashville Tennessee. The educational aspects of the trip were highlighted as well as various fund raising options. The days of the week for the trip were discussed between early in the week versus later in the week. The board would like it later in the week to avoid missing a full week of school. Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the trip for the Soda Pops. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

8.4 Auditor's Report: moved to Agenda item 3.3

8.5 First Reading: Policy 270 "Executive Sessions"

8.6 First Reading: Policy 444 "Employment Contracts with Certificated Employees"

8.7 First Reading: Policy 445 "Evaluation and Probation of Certificated Employees"

8.8 First Reading: Policy 448 "Reduction in Force of Certificated Employees"

8.9 First Reading: Policy 454 "Discharge of Certificated Employees" Trustee Lau mentioned that in section 13a that the word 'base' should be 'based'. Superintendent Stein said that she would report that back to the lawyers we received this policy and wording from.

8.10 First Reading: Policy 457 "Supplemental Contracts"

- 8.11 First Reading: Policy 679.50, F1, F2 “Homeless Student Education”**
- 8.12 First Reading: Policy 824 “Financial Emergency”**
- 8.13 First Reading: Policy 970 “Service Animals in Schools”**
- 8.14 First Reading: Policy 441 “Assignment and Transfer of Certificated Employees”**
Chairman Stoor would like to add the sentence: “The superintendent’s decision shall be subject to review and may be ratified or nullified by action of the board at its next regular or special meeting.” which was taken from Policy 306, “Superintendent Authority”
- 8.15 First Reading: Policy 411 “Personnel Files”**
- 8.16 First Reading: Policy 404.50 “Applicant Information on Past Job Performance”**
- 8.17 First Reading: Policy 296 “Section 504 Hearing Procedure”**
- 8.18 First Reading: Policy 506.50 “Prohibition against harassment, intimidation, and bullying”**
- 8.19 First Reading: Policy 409.50 “Administrative Leave”**
- 8.20 First Reading: Policy 306 “Superintendent Authority”**
- 8.21 First Reading: Policy 578 “Drug Testing”** Principal Daniel and Athletic Director Schvaneveldt brought forth the changes to the drug policy. Initial testing would change to 40% randomly, rather than every athletic participant. After the first offense, the student would be on probation for 2 weeks, serve 20 hours community service, be put in the 70% random testing pool the remaining of the high school career, and pay for the second drug test prior to being able to compete with the team. After the second offense, the student will not be allowed to participate in any athletics for the remainder of the school year.
- 8.22 First Reading: Policy 553 “Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices”**
Superintendent Stein said the changes to this policy reflect the increased effective use of technology in the classrooms, but maintains a policy that the technology not be a distraction to the instruction and other students.
- 8.23 First Reading: Policy 518 “Restraint and Seclusion”**

After discussing the policies, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to accept the policies as 1st reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Lau asked, that since the next scheduled meeting was not until November 20th, that a special meeting be held to accept these policies prior to that date. Chairman Stoor asked for a meeting next Wednesday October 23rd, 2013 at Noon.

9. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

9.1 Maintenance Update: Director Hogan gave an update on the Thirkill Roof that should be done this week. The shot-put and discus area North of the Football field is being prepared. A fence is being moved so that the bus area would be protected.

10. Executive Session – Idaho Code #67-2345 Subsection F – Legal Chairman Stoor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Torgesen made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code #67-2345 Subsection F. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. On voice vote: Chairman Stoor – Yes, Vice-Chairman Christensen – Yes, Trustee Lau – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes, and Trustee Erickson - Yes. Superintendent Stein received a letter from a

lawyer asking for communication that was received by the board. She informed the board that she will be turning it over to our lawyer. After the discussion, Trustee Lau made a motion to go out of Executive Session per Idaho Code #67-2345 Subsection F. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. On voice vote: Chairman Stoor – Yes, Vice-Chairman Christensen – Yes, Trustee Lau – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes, and Trustee Erickson - Yes.

11. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Stoor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.