

SODA SPRINGS JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT #150

BOARD MEETING

APRIL 3RD, 2013

DISTRICT OFFICE

6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

ALAN ERICKSON	CHAIRMAN
JIM STOOR	VICE-CHAIRMAN
LYNDA LEE	TRUSTEE
JIM SMITH	TRUSTEE
CHAD CHRISTENSEN	TRUSTEE

1. Call Meeting to Order: Vice-Chairman Stoor called the Board meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. with the above trustees in attendance, excluding Chairman Erickson who arrived during public input, as well as Dr. Molly Stein, Superintendent, Jonathan Balls, Clerk, Sue Hansen, Principal, Robert Daniel, Principal, Doug Owen, Principal, two educators, three patrons, and eight students.

1.1 Approval of Agenda. Vice-Chairman Stoor asked if any additional agenda items were needed. No additional agenda items were needed. Trustee Lee made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

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

2. Read and Approve Minutes.

2.1 Approve Minutes of March 20th, 2013. Trustee Christensen mentioned that in item 5.4 the last name was Norris not Morris. Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for March 20th, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Ratify Bills / Budget Report

3.1 Ratify Bills: March 2013. After discussion by the board, Trustee Lee made a motion to ratify the bills of March 2013. The motion was seconded by Trustee Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Budget Report: None

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Input:

5.1 Anndee Neuman, 89 Bailey Creek, expressed her support for the trimester system. Due to participating in 3 sports, she worries about having 7 classes of homework. She also posed a question to the board regarding graduation requirements.

5.2 Jamie Nielsen, 470 Spring Creek Drive, commented that there was no warning about going to the Semester system and she would have planned her class schedule different.

5.3 Amy Brown, 911 Pioneer Drive, says that she likes to have a break from her core classes during the middle trimester.

5.4 Dakota Siepert, 118 Creek Road, mentioned that she does not deal well with change and she likes more opportunities to change classes throughout the year. She also enjoys the longer class period time.

5.5 Megan Stoor, 3787 Wayan Loop, expressed that moving to a semester schedule would be hard on the Senior class scheduling. She mentioned she is trying to stay in different clubs that require you to take a class to be involved. This might not be possible with semesters.

5.6 Danielle Leatherman, 1756 Cedar View Road, mentioned that she already is staying up late into the night to finish her homework and is concerned about the additional homework.

5.7 Irene Torgesen, 960 Kelly Park Road, expressed her support to switch to the semester. She does not want to lose programs, wants to be compatible with other schools, and share teachers for students to be able to take higher level classes.

5.8 Hannah Farnes, 81 North 4th East, asked the question regarding what a typical day schedule would look like under the semester System.

5.9 Shelby Suter, 1205 Nashua Circle, asked a question regarding matching the schedule up better with Tigert Middle School.

6. Faculty/Staff Input: None

7. Old Business

7.1 Class Schedules – Trimester versus Semester: Superintendent Stein stated the following reasons why this discussion is coming before the board: 1) decreasing average class size at SSHS, 2) share teachers more effectively between SSHS and TMS, 3) align alternative education opportunities – Distance Learning, Dual Enrollment, etc., and 4) costs savings. The board of trustees and those in attendance listened to a presentation from Principal Owen on the benefits and disadvantages of each schedule. Clerk Balls and Superintendent Stein showed that there is a \$9,000 yearly savings by more effectively sharing teachers and another \$9,000 in class savings going from 15 class offerings to 14 class offerings.

The board needed to talk about individual classes sizes, so Chairman Erickson made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345 Subsection A – Personnel Issue. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. On voice vote: Chairman Erickson: Yes, Vice-Chairman Stoor: Yes, Trustee Lee: Yes, Trustee Smith: Yes, Trustee Christensen: Yes. The motion passed unanimously. After discussion in Executive Session, Trustee Christensen made a motion to come out of executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345 Subsection A. Trustee Lee seconded the motion. On voice vote: Chairman Erickson: Yes, Vice-Chairman

Stoor: Yes, Trustee Lee: Yes, Trustee Smith: Yes, Trustee Christensen: Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Once out of executive session, Trustee Smith made a motion to move to the semester system starting with the 2013-2014 school year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lee. The motion passed with 4 Ayes – (Chairman Erickson, Trustee Smith, Trustee Lee, and Trustee Christensen) and 1 Nay – (Vice-Chairman Stoor).

8. New Business: None

9. Superintendent & Chairman Report: None

10. Executive Session – See above item 7.1

11. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Erickson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21pm.