

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

**January 28th, 2015
Tigert Middle School Commons
6:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

- 1. 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, Trustee Torgesen, and Trustee Erickson were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Robert Daniel, Director Doug Hogan, three patrons, and two students.

 - 1.1 Approval of Agenda.** Chairman Stoor asked if any additional agenda items were needed. With no changes to the posted agenda, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.
 - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance.** Chairman Stoor invited the trustees, administration, staff, patrons, and students to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. 2015-2016 Calendar:** Principal Daniel presented two options for the 2015-2016 school year calendar. After explaining the differences, the board discussed the Christmas and Spring breaks. They discussed the number of shortened days and testing. After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 calendar that had the first day of school on August 24th, two days for Thanksgiving, two weeks for Christmas break, a week of Spring break, and then the elementary schools getting out on the 19th of May and High School getting out on the 26th. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Read and Approve Minutes.**

 - 3.1 Approve the Minutes of December 17th, 2014 Board Meeting:** Chairman Stoor said in the first section to put an “s” on High School Students as there was two in attendance at this meeting. With no further changes needed to the meeting minutes, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 17th, 2014 as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Ratify Bills / Budget Report**

 - 4.1 Ratify Bills: December 2014** - The board asked several questions of Clerk Balls regarding the bills from December 2014. After the discussion, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a

motion to ratify the bills from December 2014. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Budget Report: December 2014 – The board asked questions of Clerk Balls regarding the Budget ending December 2014.

5. **Correspondence:** Superintendent Stein passed around several Thank-You cards from staff regarding their Christmas Hams. She also received an anonymous letter stating that Coaches are texting students. Superintendent Stein will review again the policy with the Athletic Directors.
6. **Public Input:** Shannon O'Donnell, 795 East 3rd North, Soda Springs ID 83276, invited the board on February 19th from 6pm – 8pm at Thirkill Elementary to Bingo, put on by the Thirkill Parent Teacher Organization.
7. **Faculty/Staff Input:** Principal Hansen stated that January had just flown by and the students at Thirkill are settling in after the Christmas break.

8. Old Business:

8.1 Facilities Update: Superintendent Molly Stein and Chairman Jim Stoor reported to the board that further discussions regarding consolidation discussions will be better suited for May due to a current consolidation in the two surrounding districts. While there is ongoing research regarding the consolidation issue, the Board thought it wise to continue the school facility discussions with the citizen's facility committee. A work meeting will be held Tuesday February 10th, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Tigert Middle School to narrow down last meeting's brain storming ideas.

8.2 2nd Reading Policy 407: "Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)"

8.3 2nd Reading Policy 407.5: "Sick Leave"

8.4 2nd Reading Policy 455: "Master Teachers"

8.5 2nd Reading Policy 514: "Evacuations / Fire Drills"

8.6 2nd Reading Policy 569: "School Wellness"

8.7 2nd Reading Policy 610: "High School Graduation Requirements"

8.8 2nd Reading Policy 834: "Increase in Fees"

8.9 2nd Reading Policy 880: "Electronic Signatures and Records"

8.10 2nd Reading Policy 922: "Acquisition and Sale of Real Property"

8.11 2nd Reading Policy 950: "Tobacco Use"

8.12 2nd Reading Policy 980: "Automated External Defibrillators (AED)"

8.13 2nd Reading Policy 980P1: "Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Procedure"

8.14 2nd Reading Policy 1006: "Registered Sex Offenders"

After making sure no changes were needed, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the above policies as 2nd reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business:

9.1 Resignations, Retires, and New Hires: Superintendent Stein presented resignation letters from Rick Williamson and Charlene Balls from the Tigert Middle School. In addition, she reported that Ken Heuseveldt and Carol Heuseveldt from the middle school as well as Connie Rupp and Colleen Swain from the elementary school, who all previously retired, have decided not to teach next year. The Board expressed their gratitude for the many years of service offered by this group of teachers. Trustee Lau made a motion a motion to accept these resignations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Hiring Efforts: Superintendent Stein updated the board on hiring strategies and possible staff assignment changes that are being discussed to ascertain how to best cover the loss of the staff.

9.3 2014 Energy Numbers: Clerk Balls presented the board with a spreadsheet of the last three years of payments for Gas and Electricity / Water / Sewer for each building and compared them using the square footage of each building.

10. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

10.1 Legislative Update: Superintendent Stein updated the board on several different areas impacting the schools and school district. Chairman Stoor updated the board on his discussions on the Idaho School Boards Association Governmental Affairs committee and their view of the upcoming legislative session.

10.2 ISAT 2.0 Question Review: Trustee Lau spent several days in Boise reviewing the ISAT 2.0 test questions for bias and sensitivity. He reported on his experience. He also showed a short clip on YouTube that explained the process.

10.3 ISBA Board Training: Clerk Balls updated the board on what he had learned from the ISBA on the training topics the board had previously chosen. After considering the various topics and looking at the Calendar, the board wanted training on Superintendent Evaluations and Board Responsibilities held on the evening of March 13th, 2015 and the morning of March 14th, 2015. Clerk Balls will contact the ISBA training coordinator to schedule.

10.4 Day on the Hill – February 16th – 17th, 2015: Clerk Balls mentioned that he needs to register those that are planning on going to this event. All board members said that they were planning on going. Clerk Balls will turn in the registration accordingly.

11. Strategic Planning: No updates

12. Executive Session: Idaho Code #67-2345 (1) (a) – Personnel: Chairman Stoor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Erickson made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code #67-2345(1) (a) – Personnel. Vice-Chairman Christensen seconded the motion. On voice vote: Chairman Stoor – Yes, Vice-Chairman Christensen – Yes, Trustee Erickson – Yes, Trustee Lau – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes. The vote was unanimous.

While in Executive Session, the Board discussed Superintendent Stein's evaluation and contract. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to go out of Executive Session. Trustee Lau seconded the motion. On voice vote: Chairman Stoor – Yes, Vice-Chairman Christensen – Yes, Trustee Erickson – Yes, Trustee Lau – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes. The vote was unanimous.

Once out of Executive Session, Trustee Erickson made a motion to add one year to Superintendent Stein's contract effective July 1st, 2015. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Stoor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.