

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

**March 16th, 2016
District Offices
6:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Christensen called the board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Erickson, Trustee Lau, Trustee Torgesen and Trustee Stoor in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Robert Daniel, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Debra Daniels, Counselor Chris Ledbetter, one staff member, eleven patrons, and four students.

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda.** Chairman Christensen asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Trustee Lau would like to address the board and public regarding recent articles written about education. Chairman Christensen added this agenda item under 6.1 of the posted agenda. With no further changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Vice-Chairman Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1.2 Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** Chairman Christensen asked if any board member needed to disclose a conflict of interest with the approved agenda. No conflict was disclosed.

- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance.** Chairman Christensen invited the trustees, administration, staff, patrons, and students to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Read and Approve Minutes.**

- 2.1 Approve the Minutes of February 23rd, 2016 Board Meeting:** Trustee Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few grammatical and sentence structure suggestions to make the minutes read more clearly. Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the February 23rd, 2016 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Ratify Bills / Budget Report**

- 3.1 Ratify Bills: February 2016** – The board reviewed the bills paid from February 2016 and asked questions of Clerk Balls. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify

the bills paid in February 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Budget Report: February 2016 - Clerk Balls reviewed the budget with the board for the period ending February 2016. The board discussed the budget.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Input: Boy Scouts Jacob Bybee and Christopher Medina attended the school board meeting to fulfill requirements for their merit badges. Board members asked questions of them and offered advice and suggestions to them.

Lori Ann Lau, 675 E Highway 30, Soda Springs ID: Suggested the District consider going for a bond election in November rather than in August. This will give the public time to review the options. The survey should be available to everyone and not just those within the city limits. Consolidation is still something that needs to be investigated.

Kristal Obrien, 526 N 7th E # 15, Soda Springs ID: Bullying is happening in our schools. Her high school student stopped going to school and is being home schooled. She is home schooling her children.

Shannon Odonnell, 795 E 3rd N, Soda Springs ID: Suggested surveying the students for the building “hot spots” where cameras can’t see (bathrooms, etc.). Also, implement “DOGS” – Dads of Good Students, to patrol the halls during lunch and breaks.

Crystal Galloway, 741 E 3rd N, Soda Springs ID: There are issues happening in the school halls. Her daughter was hit in the head with a snowball after telling students they couldn’t play in a restricted area. She was assured the students were disciplined. Hire more aides for playgrounds. The teachers don’t know about the bullying happening outside the classroom.

6. Faculty/Staff Input: Mrs. Hansen reported that the student led parent teacher conferences held at Thirkill Elementary were very successful.

6.1 Education Articles: Trustee Lau addressed some education perspectives relative to issues regarding the Albertson’s television commercial “Don’t Fail Idaho”. He also talked about a very good editorial in the *Idaho State Journal* concerning education.

7. Old Business:

7.1 2016-2017 School Calendar: Clerk Balls shared the one comment received regarding the calendar. The board discussed the calendar with the first day of school on August 24th, November 23rd and 24th off for Thanksgiving, Christmas break starting after a half day on December 22nd and students return on January 3rd, spring break starting on March 13th for a full week, with Thirkill and TMS getting out on May 23rd and the High School out on May 25th. After the discussion, Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 calendar. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

7.2 Supplemental Levy Results: Clerk Balls reported that the \$798,000 levy voted upon on March 8th, passed with 59.81%. Since this election was paired with some of the Presidential Primary Elections, 826 patrons voted compared to 324 the previous year. Voter turnout was at 41.09% across all the precincts. All the precincts voted in favor of the levy with the exception of the Freedom precinct.

7.3 2nd Reading - Policy 219: "Ethics in Government"

- 7.4 2nd Reading - Policy 270: "Executive Sessions"
- 7.5 2nd Reading - Policy 292: "Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities"
- 7.6 2nd Reading - Policy 292 P1: "Americans with Disabilities Complaint Procedure"
- 7.7 2nd Reading - Policy 401: "Reasonable Workplace Accommodation to Qualified Individuals with Disabilities"
- 7.8 2nd Reading - Policy 401P1: "Reasonable Workplace Accommodation Procedures"
- 7.9 2nd Reading - Policy 402: "Criminal History"
- 7.10 2nd Reading - Policy 422: "Name Clearing Hearing" This policy was not accepted as 2nd reading.
- 7.11 2nd Reading - Policy 422P1: "Name Clearing Hearing Procedure" This policy was not accepted as 2nd reading.
- 7.12 2nd Reading - Policy 517: "Student Dress Code"
- 7.13 2nd Reading - Policy 519: "Student Name/Gender Change"
- 7.14 2nd Reading - Policy 519.50: "Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Students"
- 7.15 2nd Reading - Policy 563: "Exclusion for Head Lice"
- 7.16 2nd Reading - Policy 569.50: "Concussions"
- 7.17 2nd Reading - Policy 569.50P1: "Concussion Procedures"
- 7.18 2nd Reading - Policy 1011: "School Volunteers"

After a brief discussion, Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the above policies as 2nd readings excluding Policy 422 and Policy 422P1. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business:

8.1 Resignations / New Hire: Superintendent Stein presented the name of Deborah Finlayson for hire as the Track Coach at Tigert Middle School. Vice-Chairman Erickson made a motion to hire Deborah Finlayson. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2 5.0 Grade Point Scale: Chris Ledbetter reviewed the recommendation to phase out the 5.0 scale at the High School. The board had several questions of Mrs. Ledbetter and administration. It was decided to proceed with the process of making it official by bringing the needed changes to the affected policies to next board meeting.

9. Facilities: The board discussed what facility survey and where the public can access the survey. The board will receive the results of the survey at the April board meeting. Vice-Chairman Erickson also brought up the need for a new High School track and for correcting the drainage in the football field.

10. Superintendent & Chairman Report: Superintendent Stein reported to the board that Principal Hansen and Thirkill Elementary received an \$8900 grant. She also updated the board on the Safety / Building legislation and said that the administration has begun to interview for the vacant teaching positions.

11. Continuous Improvement Plan: None

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.