

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

**March 28, 2018
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DAN LAU	CHAIR
IRENE TORGESEN	VICE-CHAIR
CRAIG KENYON	TRUSTEE
JIM STOOR	TRUSTEE
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:06 pm with Vice-Chair Torgesen, Trustee Erickson, Trustee Stoor, and Trustee Kenyon in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Debra Daniels, Principal Robert Daniel, and one staff member.

1.1 Approval of Agenda: Chairman Lau asked if any additional agenda items were needed to be added to the posted agenda. With no changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

- 2. Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Approve the minutes of February 21, 2018 board meeting: Chairman Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few minor grammatical changes to help the minutes read easier. With no further changes to the minutes, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 21, 2018 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Ratify Bills and review Budget Report**

3.1. Ratify Bills: February 2018 – The board reviewed the bills paid during February 2018 totaling \$653,437.01. After a brief discussion on the bills, Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify the bills paid during February 2018. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3.2. Budget Report: February 2018 - The board reviewed the budget for the period ending February 28, 2018 and asked questions of Clerk Balls.

3.3. District Office Remodel Report – Clerk Balls reported that the water lines, electricity, and heaters have been added to the district administration building. A discussion was held regarding the remaining gym brick wall connected to the district office. Headwaters Construction is sending a structural engineer to review the wall Monday. Regardless of the results, the board and administration agree that the brick wall needs to come down sooner than later.

4. Correspondence: Superintendent Stein shared a thank-you letter from the family of Mary Christensen for the flowers sent for her funeral. She then sent around a letter from Monsanto regarding adding monitor wells around the community.

5. Public Input: None

6. Staff Input: Principal Daniel reported that High School Junior Justin Harris has been elected as a Business Professionals of America state officer. Three students qualified for nationals at the Business Professionals of America state event.

7. TMS Construction Update:

7.1. Progress Report: The demolition was 90% complete during the week of Spring Break. It went very quickly and efficiently. The foundations will begin to be dug during the week of April 9th.

7.2. Ground Breaking: A private ground breaking and picture for the School Board will take place on Monday April 2nd at 11am. A ground breaking for the public will take place on Thursday April 5th, at 12:00 Noon.

7.3. March Construction Bills: Clerk Balls presented the March construction bills in the amount of \$11,534.46 for approval to be paid. After a brief discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the March construction bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

9.1. Resignations and New Hires: Superintendent Stein presented the resignation letters of Music Teacher Jacob Andersen as a music teacher effective the end of the school year. After a brief discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the resignation of Jacob Andersen as a music teacher. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

She then recommended that Rod Worthington to be hired as an Elementary Principal. Mr. Worthington was hired using a five member panel who reviewed the 20 applications received for the position. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the hire of Rod Worthington as an Elementary Principal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Stein then recommended that JulieAnne Lee as a Special Education Teacher. Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the hire of JulieAnne Lee as a Special Education Teacher. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed una

- 9.2. Levy Results:** Clerk Balls reported that on March 13, 2018 the patrons of the school district voted with a 69.93% approval rate for a \$728,000 supplemental levy for the 2018-2019 school year. The board expressed appreciation to the patrons of the school district for their continued support.
- 9.3. SSHS Graduation Cords Recommendation:** Principal Daniel recommended to the board that any cords earned could be worn at the senior assembly, but only the academic cords would be worn during graduation ceremonies. After a discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the graduation cords recommendation presented by Principal Daniel. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- 9.4. SSHS Softball Overnight Trip:** Principal Daniel asked the board to approve an overnight trip for the High School Softball Team on April 12th in Logan Utah. After a brief discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the overnight trip for the High School Softball Team. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- 9.5. SSHS Soccer Co-op with Marsh Valley:** The board discussed entering another 2 year coop agreement with Marsh Valley for boys and girls soccer. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the soccer co-op with Marsh Valley for boys and girls soccer for 2 years. Vice-Chair Torgesen seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- 9.6. Building Rentals:** According to Policy 910, the board must approve all building rentals scheduled for a Sunday. An employee asked to have a family dinner on Sunday March 11, 2018 in the Tigert Middle School commons. District Administration consulted with Chairman Lau who approved the dinner. Chairman Lau asked that the board ratify the decision to allow this family dinner on a Sunday at Tigert Middle School. He also asked that the board review the building rental policy 910 at the next board meeting. Trustee Erickson made a motion to ratify the Sunday building rental of the employee on March 11, 2018. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

- 10.1 Student Safety – Police Partnership:** Superintendent Stein reviewed with the board the Guardian Program of our local law enforcement. They have a presence at each of the school and especially the High School. Chairman Lau commented that he appreciates the effort.
- 10.2 Board Training:** Trustee Stoor commented that we have state dollars that can be used for board training. Clerk Balls said that approximately \$5,000 can be spent on this training. After looking at their schedules, June 9th worked the best for the board training. Clerk Balls will contact the Idaho School Boards Association to set up the training.
- 10.3 Negotiations:** Clerk Balls said that it was that time of year to start teacher negotiations. Chairman Lau asked that Vice-Chair Torgesen and Trustee Erickson negotiate for the school board this year with the Soda Springs Education Association.

- 11. Adjournment.** With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.