

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

**April 22nd, 2015
School District Offices
6:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

- 1. 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Stoor called the board meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. with Chairman Stoor, Vice-Chairman Christensen, and Trustee Torgesen present. Trustee Lau called into the meeting from Sydney Australia. Trustee Erickson was previously excused from the meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Robert Daniel, Principal Debra Daniels, six educators, twenty one patrons, and twenty eight students.

 - 1.1 Approval of Agenda.** Chairman Stoor asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Superintendent Stein had asked that agenda items for a little cards bus request and FCCLA national trip request be added to the agenda. Chairman Stoor put these onto the agenda as items 9.8 and 9.9 respectively. With no further changes to the agenda, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. 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. Thirkill Students: “Leader in Me” Presentations:** Principal Hansen briefly introduced the grades that would be presenting. Sixteen kindergarten students sang an original song about being proactive, a second grade student told of how the “Leader in Me” impacted her, five third grade students read a story and answered questions identifying “Leader in Me” principles. Three fourth grade students told about how they have integrated these “Leader in Me” principles into their education and lives. The board commended and thanked the students and educators.
- 3. Read and Approve Minutes.**

 - 3.1 Approve the Minutes of March 18th, 2015 Board Meeting:** No changes were needed to the meeting minutes, so Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 18th 2015 as written. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Ratify Bills / Budget Report**

 - 4.1 Ratify Bills: March 2015** - The board asked several questions of Clerk Balls regarding the bills from March 2015. After the discussion, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to

ratify the bills from March 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Budget Report: March 2015 – The board asked questions of Clerk Balls regarding the Budget ending March 2015.

5. Correspondence: Superintendent Stein read a thank-you note from the Indoor Soccer coach and student participants.

6. Public Input: None

7. Faculty/Staff Input: The Principals said that the SBAC testing is going smoothly and Spring sports and activities are going well and keeping everyone busy.

8. Old Business:

8.1 Facilities Update: Superintendent Stein and the board discussed the next steps regarding our facilities upgrade.

9. New Business:

9.1 Review of Policy 559 “Food Allergies”: Principal Hansen said that Dr. David Parry is coming 9/11/2015 to train the Thirkill staff. Danielle Stoor, 149 West 2nd South, said that the children can help with knowing which ones can’t eat or touch certain allergens. She also mentioned that a letter educating the parents could be beneficial. Alisa Miller, 360 North 7th East, also spoke in support of educating the parents regarding the various allergies.

9.2 Report from Soda Springs Shooting Club: Bryce Griffiths, 241 South 3rd West, came with five student shooters to report on their experience using the Hooper Gym during January and February for indoor target practice. He mentioned that there were 13 registered shooters and they had a good experience. They would like to use the facility again next winter.

9.3 Resignations, Retires, and New Hires: Superintendent Stein gave the resignations of Doug Hogan as the District’s Maintenance Director and Cinda Peck as the TMS drill team coach. Trustee Lau made a motion to accept these resignations with a vote of thanks. Vice-Chairman Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Stein then presented the names of Samuel Wadsworth, Cherhys Hubbard, and Wendy Wistisen to be hired as full time teachers. Superintendent Stein also asked for approval to hire of Shawnae Somsen as head High School Volleyball coach and Tisha Young as head High School Cheer Coach. Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to accept the hiring of these individuals. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.

9.4 2015-2016 School Handbooks: Each building Principal reviewed with the board the changes made to their respective 2015-2016 school calendars. The board discussed the changes and about having them available on-line and in print format. Although there are still some unknown updates (new teachers, lunch prices, etc.) for the handbook, Trustee Torgesen made a motion to approve the handbooks pending the minor updates. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

9.5 1st Reading: Policy 554 “Adolescent Relationship Abuse”

9.6 1st Reading: Policy 569.5 “Procedures Regarding Concussions”

9.7 1st Reading: Policy 577 “Extended Field Trips” The board reviewed the above three policies and talked about the changes. After the discussion, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to accept the above policies having had a first reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.

9.8 Little Cards Bus Request: Superintendent Stein had received a request from the Little Cards Wrestling organization to use a bus to take kids to Lava Hot Springs after their camp this Summer. After a discussion, the board decided to decline the bus request. Clerk Balls will notify the organization leaders

9.9 FCCLA National Trip Request: Principal Daniel presented a request from Ms. Ball, the FCCLA advisor, to take 2 students to Washington D.C. for the national FCCLA convention the first part of July. The board discussed the costs and who would chaperone and other details of the trip. After the discussion, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to allow the FCCLA students to attend the national convention. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.

9.10 BPA National Trip Request: Principal Daniel presented a request from Mrs. Cook, the BPA advisor, to take 9 students to Anaheim California for the national BPA convention. Along with the students, 2 certified teachers would also be attending with them. After the board discussion, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to allow the BPA students to attend the national convention. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

10.1 Legislative Session Wrap-Up: Discussion was had around the impact of the passed legislation upon the School District.

10.2 Dates: Budget Hearing, May Board Meeting, Graduations: Clerk Balls reviewed the following dates with the board: 5/20/2015 – 8:30am Kindergarten Graduation, 5/20/2015 – 6:30pm May Board Meeting, 5/21/2015 – 8:15am 8th Grade Graduation, 5/29/2015 8:00pm High School Graduation, 6/3/2015 6:30pm June Board Meeting and Budget Hearing, 7/1/2015 6:30pm July Board Meeting and Annual Meeting.

11. Strategic Planning: No Updates at this time

12. Executive Session: Executive Session: Idaho Code #67-2345 (1)(b) – Student

13. Executive Session: Executive Session: Idaho Code #67-2345 (1)(a) – Employee

14. Executive Session: Executive Session: Idaho Code #67-2345 (1)(c) – Labor Negotiation

At 9:32pm, Chairman Stoor called for a motion to go into executive session. Trustee Lau made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. On voice vote: Chairman Stoor – Yes, Vice-Chairman Christensen – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes, and Trustee Lau – Yes. The vote was unanimous.

While in Executive Session, the board discussed High School Seniors' graduation paths, an employee's personnel file, and received an update on the labor negotiation meetings. After the discussion, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to go out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded trustee Lau. On voice vote: Chairman Stoor – Yes, Vice-Chairman Christensen – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes, and Trustee Lau – Yes. The vote was unanimous.

Once out of Executive Session, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to approve an alternate path to graduation for 6 high school seniors. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.

Then Trustee Lau made a motion to remove reprimand documents from an employee's personnel file. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Stoor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.