

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

**May 18th, 2016  
Soda Springs School District Offices  
6:30 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>CHAD CHRISTENSEN</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
<b>ALAN ERICKSON</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>
<b>DAN LAU</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>IRENE TORGESEN</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>JIM STOOR</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>

- 1. 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Christensen called the board meeting to order at 6:31 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, six educators, and five patrons.

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda.** Chairman Christensen asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Chairman Christensen mentioned that a moment of silence for the current and former student that passed away was added under 1.4 of the Agenda and an executive session was added as item #2. 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. With a voice vote, 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, educators, staff, and patrons to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1.4 Moment of Silence:** Chairman Christensen asked that everyone observe a moment of silence for the current student and former student that had passed away within the past week in our community.

- 2. Executive Session: Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) – Negotiations** At 6:35pm, Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a). Trustee Stoor made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a). The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. On a roll call vote: Trustee Lau: Yes, Trustee Torgesen: Yes, Trustee Stoor: Yes, Vice-Chairman Erickson: Yes, Chairman Christensen: Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the board discussed the offer that was negotiated between the School Board representatives' Erickson and Lau and the Soda Springs Education Association representatives' D. Worthington and Collins.

At 7:02pm, Trustee Lau made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. On a roll call vote: Trustee Lau: Yes, Trustee Torgesen: Yes, Trustee Stoor: Yes, Vice-Chairman Erickson: Yes, Chairman Christensen: Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Negotiated Agreement:** Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify the agreement made during negotiations between the School Board and the Soda Springs Education Association. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. With a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The negotiated agreement for the 2016-2017 school year was then signed by Chairman Christensen and President Dawn Worthington of the Soda Springs Education Association.

4. **Read and Approve Minutes**

- 4.1 **Approve the Minutes of April 27th, 2016 Board Meeting:** Trustee Lau had previously given Clerk Balls several grammatical and sentence structure suggestions to make the minutes read more clearly. Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Erickson. With a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Ratify Bills / Budget Report**

- 5.1 **Ratify Bills: April 2016** – The board reviewed the bills paid from April 2016 and asked questions of Clerk Balls. Questions were also asked about the Hooper building bills. After the discussion, Trustee Lau made a motion to ratify the bills paid in April 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5.2 **Budget Report: April 2016** - Clerk Balls reviewed the budget with the board for the period ending April 2016. The board discussed the budget.

6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **Public Input:**

Lori Ann Lau, 675 East Highway 30, Soda Springs ID: She mentioned there was not enthusiasm about building a new High School. She said that neighboring school districts were rebuffed that the consolidation came to them by way of a petition. She would prefer a school board to school board approach to consolidation. She recommends keep trying this avenue for consolidation. It is not smart to build 3 high schools in the county.

John Franson, 1349 Homestead Lane, Soda Springs ID: He is in support of the 7 period day with an advisory period at the High School. He is also in support of Physical Education, in particular the lifetime activities that promote free creativity.

8. **Faculty/Staff Input:** Educators Wade Schvaneveldt and Scott Kimball gave input to the board on their support for physical education and its importance.

- 8.1 **Physical Education Presentation:** Educator Shawnae Somsen gave a presentation to the School Board on the importance of physical education.

9. **Old Business:**

- 9.1 **SSHS 6 Period Day:** Principal Daniel explained to the School Board that the High School would not be converting to a 6 period day, but would rather shorten each class by a few

minutes in able to have an advisory period during the day. Counselor Ledbetter showed how this schedule will work while still maintaining the instructional class time.

## **9.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Policy 615 “Selection of Student Speakers at Commencement”**

## **9.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Policy 684 “Grading”**

With no changes to the above policies, Vice-Chairman Erickson made a motion to approve these two policies as 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. With a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **10. New Business:**

**10.1 Resignations / New Hires:** Superintendent Stein read the resignation of Maria Wilson a math teacher at TMS. She then presented the name of Whitney Tuckett to hire as the High School Vo/AG teacher. Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept the resignation of Maria Wilson and approve the hire of Whitney Tuckett. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. With a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**10.2 Administration & Classified Pay** Superintendent Stein and Clerk Balls presented some figures asking for a 2.75% raise for Principals, full-time classified staff, and coaches. These figures also included restoring the positions and salaries for the TMS athletics using the 2008-2009 figures, before the state cuts were made. Discussion was had around substitute teacher pay. It was decided that the substitute pay would be \$65 a day for a non-certified substitute and \$85 a day for a certified substitute. Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the recommended raises, along with the discussed changes. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Erickson. With a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**10.3 Fees:** Superintendent Stein said that the recent Joki court cases have ruled that fees cannot be charged for the education of the students, which has to be free by the Idaho Constitution. The total elimination of registration fees would cost the district approximately \$20,000. The board had a discussion regarding registration and classroom fees. At registration in August, the suggested fees of each school will list what services and/or activities the students will receive by paying those fees.

**11. Superintendent & Chairman Report:** Superintendent Stein reminded the board about the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion ceremonies and High School graduation.

**12. Continuous Improvement Plan:** Superintendent Stein updated the board on the district’s progress with the goals within the Continuous Improvement Plan.

**13. Executive Session: Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student** At 9:10pm, Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Lau made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Erickson. On a roll call vote: Trustee Lau: Yes, Trustee Torgesen: Yes, Trustee Stoor: Yes, Vice-Chairman Erickson: Yes, Chairman Christensen: Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the board heard from Counselor Ledbetter on the efforts of the High School educators to help all high school seniors graduate.

**14. Facilities:** It was determined to continue the discussion of facilities at the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 board meeting.

**15. Adjournment.** With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.