

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

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
District Offices  
5:30 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 5:09 p.m. with Trustee Lau, Trustee Torgesen, and Trustee Stoor in attendance. Vice-Chairman Erickson arrived shortly after the meeting began. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Debra Daniels, one staff member and eleven patrons.

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda.** Chairman Christensen asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Chairman Christensen said that he would like to have Superintendent Stein review the Facilities Time Line under 1.3 of the agenda. With no other changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- 1.3 Facilities Timeline:** Superintendent Stein reviewed the District's historical timeline of reviewing facilities. Beginning in the Spring of 2009, the district began looking again at its long term facility needs. The facility focus group was established in December of 2013 and in the Spring of 2014 a structural, electrical, and mechanical study was conducted on our facilities. The results from the study and what actions are needed has been the discussion of virtually every board meeting since that time. Three specific public input meetings were held to garner feedback from the patrons regarding what should be done with the facilities.

Vice-Chairman Erickson entered the meeting during the facilities timeline review

- 2. Public Input:**

**Craig Shuler, 255 W 4<sup>th</sup> S:** A new High School is not justified. Pocatello HS is 102 years old and is fixed up awesome. Mr. Shuler asked the cost of the architect expenses so far. Clerk Balls said it was slightly under \$50K.

**Marjorie Walters, 240 W 4<sup>th</sup> S:** Children want to learn and good teachers will teach no matter the environment. She is in favor of TMS & commons area at HS. She is worried about the economy, fixed income patrons, and lack of jobs in our area.

**Jim Medina, 380 Court St:** Reasons to fix: ADA, electrical, earthquake concerns. Any tax increase to our fixed income patrons is a concern. What can we do locally to stay within the budget? Buildings do not educate a student. Make it about safety. Do repair maintenance with no increase to taxes.

**Greg Torgesen, 960 Kelly Park Rd:** He appreciates education and his children had good educations here. He would prefer breaking out the parts that are truly necessary. Feels that many support a new gym at TMS and maybe at some point a new HS, but not sure if the time is right now. Give choice, not an all or nothing option.

**Bud Barthlome, 581 Formation Ave:** Do not need a TMS gym. Look at local contractors and don't pay high architect's fees.

**Summer Fullmer, 201 Gagon Dr:** She is an alumni with 4 children. She loves our schools, teachers, and administrators. She is in favor of new HS, gym at TMS, and additions at Thirkill. SSHS is the hub of the community. Worries about taxes, but someone paid for her education and she hope someone will pay for her kids.

**Glen Barker, 201 N 2<sup>nd</sup> E:** Federal mandates regarding earthquakes are a joke. Bear Lake condemned their HS, built a new school, and then moved their middle school into the condemned building. Only one thng is important: educating students.

**Cecelia Hoggan, 2424 Valley View Rd:** Probably need a new High School, but \$27 Million scares people to death. Break each project down and do one at a time.

**Bob Gentry, 761 Hopkins Lane:** He works in the District's maintenance department. The community uses the High School all the time. The activities keep kids going. The hot water system at the HS is a disgrace.

**Sheri Christensen, 141 N 2<sup>nd</sup> E:** Does our building put the nail in the coffin for consolidation?

**Margaret Barker, 201 N 2<sup>nd</sup> E:** Would you be opposed to a new school in Grace? Do anything to help the county consolidate.

The School Board took a 10 minute break at this time.

Trustee Stoor had to leave the meeting, but re-joined via cellular phone.

3. **Facilities:** The board discussed the feedback received and the various options that were before them. The next page as compiled by Superintendent Stein, shows what the individual trustees were thinking and what their sample ballot would be. Clerk Balls was going to find out if some of the ballot approaches were legal or not.

	CHAD	JIM	IRENE	DAN	ALAN
THIRKILL	As Proposed	Secure Entry	As Proposed	As Proposed	As Proposed
SSHS	Secure Entry/Commons, Electrical/Mechanical	Secure Entry/Commons, Gym, Auditorium	Secure Entry/ Commons, Electrical/Mechanical	Secure Entry/ Commons, Electrical/Mechanical	Secure Entry/ Commons, Gym
TMS	As Proposed	Gym Only	As Proposed	As Proposed	As Proposed
	BALLOT	BALLOT	BALLOT	BALLOT	BALLOT
	<input type="checkbox"/> Entire project as proposed (25 M) <input type="checkbox"/> SSHS Repairs Phase I <input type="checkbox"/> Thirkill and TMS as Proposed	<input type="checkbox"/> Entire project as proposed (25 M) <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Entry Thirkill  Commons, Gym, Auditorium SSHS,  Gym, TMS	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure Entry, (15 M) Multipurpose Room, Offices Thirkill  Secure Entry Commons, Electrical/Mechanical SSHS  TMS as Proposed	<input type="checkbox"/> SSHS Repairs Phase I <input type="checkbox"/> Thirkill and TMS as Proposed	

The board then decided to continue this discussion at the next board meeting. They decided to have the meeting on Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 5:30pm here at the District Office.

- 4. Adjournment.** With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.