

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

**December 18, 2019
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DAN LAU	CHAIR
IRENE TORGESEN	VICE-CHAIR
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE
JIM STOOR	TRUSTEE
STEVEN BARKER	TRUSTEE

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:09 pm with Trustee Erickson and Trustee Barker in attendance. Vice-Chair Torgesen and Trustee Stoor would separately join the meeting already in progress. Also in attendance were Clerk Jonathan Balls, District Secretary Dawn Beeton, Principal Jess McMurray, and Principal Debra Daniels. Superintendent Stein had previously asked to be excused from the meeting.

1.1. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Lau asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added to the posted agenda. Chairman Lau asked that the New Business agenda item to be moved up to after the Input agenda item. With no further changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barker. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Trustee Stoor entered the meeting.

2. Reopen 2019-2020 School Budget: Chairman Lau noted that the 2019-2020 School Budget is now reopened.

3. Continuous Improvement Plan / Administrative Reports:

3.1. Chairman: Chairman Lau commented to the board that he, Trustee Stoor, and Superintendent Stein met with Representative Gibbs and Senator Harris to discuss the needs of the district prior to the upcoming legislative session.

Vice-Chair Torgesen entered the meeting.

3.2. Superintendent: Principal Daniels reported to the board regarding the new See Tell Now app the schools are using. She also updated the board regarding the Threat Assessment Team training, and the

attendance at the National Safety Conference. Clerk Balls mentioned the maintenance items being completed in the district as well as that PERSI has notified all school districts that they do not have to pay into the sick bank for the next 18 months. Clerk Balls commented that this will be proximately a \$75,000 savings to the district after the 18 months.

3.3. Principals:

3.3.1. Soda Springs High School: Jess McMurray mentioned that they are seeing some great Senior Projects presentations.

3.3.2. Tigert Middle School: Debra Daniels mentioned that they had 48 TMS students in the recent band and choir concert.

4. Public / Faculty / Staff Input: None

5. New Business:

5.1. 2020-2021 Calendar Process Discussion: The board had a discussion regarding setting the 2020-2021 calendar. Forming a committee was discussed as well as who was going to start the process. The board decided to let the Principals start the process with Principal McMurray creating the initial first draft. Chairman Lau asked that the board see the first draft at the January board meeting.

6. Policy Review:

- 6.1. 2nd Reading Policy 260 "Agenda Preparation"**
- 6.2. 2nd Reading Policy 262 "Board Meetings"**
- 6.3. 2nd Reading Policy 280 "Waivers of SBE Education Rules"**
- 6.4. 2nd Reading Policy 304 "Superintendent Appointment"**
- 6.5. 2nd Reading Policy 305 "Superintendent Evaluation"**
- 6.6. 2nd Reading Policy 310 "Principal Evaluations"**
- 6.7. 2nd Reading Policy 314 "Employing Retired Admin"**
- 6.8. 2nd Reading Policy 354 "Emergency School Closure"**
- 6.9. 2nd Reading Policy 400.50 "Reporting New Employees"**
- 6.10. 2nd Reading Policy 462 "Staffing Patterns"**
- 6.11. 2nd Reading Policy 465 "Employing Retired Teachers"**
- 6.12. 2nd Reading Policy 507 "Juvenile Sex Offenders"**
- 6.13. 2nd Reading Policy 508 "Foreign Students"**
- 6.14. 2nd Reading Policy 518 "Student Electronic Devices"**
- 6.15. 2nd Reading Policy 520 "Proof of Age and Identification"**
- 6.16. 2nd Reading Policy 580 "Student Tracking Safety Devices"**

The board reviewed each policy and discussed in detail Policy 508 "Foreign Students". More clarification was needed, so it was decided to holdover this policy for the January 2020 meeting. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the above policies as 2nd readings excluding Policy 508. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Tigert Middle School Construction

7.1. Approve December Construction Bills: The board reviewed the bills to be paid in December 2019 for the Tigert Middle School construction totaling \$28,467.63. After a few questions and subsequent discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the Tigert Middle School construction bills to be paid in December 2019. Trustee Barker seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

8.1. Proposed 2019-2020 School Budget Revision: Clerk Balls reviewed the proposed changes to the 2019-2020 budget due to the Emergency Levy, increased state literacy funds, and small changes that have happened since the initial budget was set last June. The board asked questions and discussed the changes.

8.2. 2020-2021 Supplemental Levy Resolution: The board discussed the supplemental levy amount and the term. The carry forward, emergency levy, and impact to the property owners were discussed. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to call for a resolution asking the voters of the school district to authorize a one-year supplemental levy in the amount of \$698,000. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Consent Agenda: Chairman Lau read through the consent agenda detailing each item and asking if any discussion was needed.

9.1. Minutes from 11-20-2019 Board Meeting

9.2. Bills paid November 2019 totaling \$742,787

9.3. Budget ending November 30, 2019

9.4. SSHS Overnight Trip Update

Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Announcements / Schedule / Correspondence:

10.1. Clerk Balls passed along some thank-you cards for staff and reminded the board of the annual meeting on January 22nd.

11. Approve the 2019-2020 School Budget Revision: Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the revision to the 2019-2020 School Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.