

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

**December 12th, 2016
Caribou County Courthouse
10:45 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAD CHRISTENSEN	CHAIRMAN
JIM STOOR	TRUSTEE
IRENE TORGESEN	TRUSTEE
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE

- 1. Meeting with Caribou County Commissioners:** At 10:45am, the school board and administration met with the Caribou County Commissioners during their regularly scheduled meeting. Those in attendance were Chairman Christensen, Trustee Torgesen, Trustee Erickson, and Trustee Stoor. Vice-Chairman Lau had previously excused himself from the meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Commissioner Earl Somsen, Commissioner Mark Mathews, Commissioner Phillip Christensen, Clerk Denise Horsley, Attorney Doug Wood, and Assessor Aaron Cook.

Superintendent Stein updated the commissioners that our school district did no longer qualify for the Tuition Levy and is not an option for our school district. At 10:50am, Alan Dornfest, Property Tax Manager with Idaho State Tax commission called into the meeting. He discussed with the commissioners his perspective from the State Tax Commission regarding the situation.

Trustee Stoor, Clerk Balls, and Chairman Christensen each took turns standing before the commissioners giving them information and answering questions. The commissioners asked which option the school board was considering. The school board wanted to get the input from the commissioners before they decided. Commissioner Somsen wanted to make sure that the decision made did not cripple the school district financially. The board thanked him for that advice and for the commissioner's time.

The school board then continued to meet in a public room in the basement of the courthouse. The board discussed the comments and concerns of the commissioners. After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Torgesen made a motion to stop levying the Tuition Levy and reduce the supplemental levy by \$70K for the next two years to compensate the tax payers for this year's Tuition Levy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Stoor will update the commissioners regarding the decision made by the board.

- 2. Adjournment.** With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:49am.