

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

**September 14th, 2016
Soda Springs School District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Christensen called the board meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Lau, Trustee Stoor, and Trustee Torgesen in attendance. Trustee Erickson had previously asked to be excused from the meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Robert Daniel, and Principal Sue Hansen.

1.1 Approval of Agenda: Chairman Christensen asked if any additional agenda items were needed. With no changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By 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 respect to the approved agenda. No conflict was disclosed. Vice-Chairman Lau and Chairman Christensen asked that this agenda item be taken off and reminded the board to always disclose potential conflicts of interest.

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

2. Facilities:

2.1 Bond Election PR Plan: Superintendent Stein reviewed the plan with the board that Vice-Chairman Lau, Trustee Erickson, Clerk Balls and herself had previously drafted. It contained different communication avenues to get the information to the public regarding the TMS gym and classroom addition meetings on October 11th and November 1st, as well as the bond vote on November 8th. The board thought that plan was good to get the information to the public.

2.2 Architect Agreement: The board reviewed the agreement with GPC Architects. During the discussion, Trustee Torgesen said that she would call on the references for GPC Architects. Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the agreement with GPC Architects pending the positive reference discovery. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Read and Approve Minutes

3.1 Approve the Minutes of August 22nd and August 24th 2016 Board Meetings: Vice-Chairman Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few grammatical and sentence structure suggestions to make the minutes read more clearly. Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the August 22nd and August 24th 2016 board meetings as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Ratify Bills / Budget Report

4.1 Ratify Bills: August 2016 – The board reviewed the bills paid during August 2016 and asked questions of Clerk Balls. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify the bills paid during August 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Budget Report: August 2016 - Clerk Balls reviewed the budget for the period ending August 2016. The board asked questions of Clerk Balls regarding the budget.

5. Public Input: Lori Ann Lau, 675 East Highway 30, Soda Springs ID, 83276: Mrs. Lau reminded the board that the State Board of Education is holding its Accountability Hearing tomorrow in Pocatello from 6pm – 8pm. She encouraged everyone to go.

6. Faculty/Staff Input: Mrs. Hansen mentioned to the board that she, along with Superintendent Stein, allowed the Thirkill teachers to work either Friday September 16th or Friday September 23rd. Since this particular teacher workday was moved after the calendar was approved, Thirkill teachers had made plans using the original date; therefore accommodations were needed.

7. Old Business:

7.1 2nd Reading: Policy 205 “Continuous Improvement Plan”

7.2 2nd Reading: Policy 561 “Administering Medications”

With no discussion, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to accept Policy 205 and Policy 561 as 2nd reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business:

8.1 2015-2016 Financial Audit: Clerk Balls telephoned Kurt Folke, CPA, with Quest CPAs. Mr. Folke reviewed the 2015-2016 audit of the school district’s finances that his firm had recently conducted. He reviewed the reports and talked about the controls in place at the district and school level. The board asked several questions of Mr. Folke. After the discussion and the call had ended, Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept the 2015-2016 financial audit as 1st reading. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Christensen wanted to acknowledge the work and efforts Superintendent Stein and Clerk Balls for the positive audit review.

8.2 Hiring Update: Superintendent Stein updated the board on the difficulty and what lengths the district administration has exhausted to hire the positions needed at each school and district. She said that declaring a hiring emergency, would give the district more flexibility in hiring the best individual and then provide training for them. Trustee Stoor made a motion to declare a hiring emergency. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Lincoln County WY School District – Border Contract: Clerk Balls presented the Border contract with the Lincoln County School District No. 2 to educate 15 students costing the state of Idaho \$239,707.07. After a short discussion, the motion to accept the border contract was made by Trustee Stoor. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The agreement was then signed by Chairman Christensen.

8.4 2016-2017 Leadership Premiums: Superintendent Stein presented the needed leadership positions of each school identified by the building principals and district administration. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the leadership premium positions and compensation amounts. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Stein then presented the faculty names to fill the approved positions. After a short discussion, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve the faculty names to fill the leadership positions. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8.5 2015-2016 SSHS Athletic Costs: The board reviewed the athletic costs at the High School during the 2015-2016 school year.

8.6 2016-2017 SSHS Overnight Trips: Principal Daniel presented the list of overnight trips for the non-state games and/or tournaments. He explained why there was so many for the wrestling team. After the discussion, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve the overnight trips for the SSHS as presented. Trustee Stoor seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

9.1 Storm Ready: Superintendent Stein reviewed with the board Certificate of Achievement ‘for improving the timeliness and effectiveness of hazard weather warnings for the public through a diligent and proactive approach of increased communication and preparedness.’ The National Weather Service declares this community is recognized as StormReady.

9.2 ISBA Regional Meeting and Annual Convention: The board coordinated who was attending the upcoming ISBA regional meeting the following day and the annual convention held November 9th – 11th.

10. Continuous Improvement Plan: Superintendent Stein updated the board on the progress on the Continuous Improvement Plan.

11. Executive Session: None

12. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.