

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

**April 26th, 2017
Tigert Middle School Gymnasium
5:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Christensen called the board meeting to order at 5:39pm with Vice-Chairman Lau, Trustee Torgesen, Trustee Stoor, and Trustee Erickson in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Robert Daniel, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Debra Daniels, and throughout different times of the meeting five staff, thirteen patrons, and nine students.

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Christensen asked if any additional agenda items were needed. An executive session was added for the 5.6 discussion topic. With no further changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

- 2. Read and Approve Minutes**

- 2.1 Approve the Minutes of March 22nd, 2017 Board Meeting:** Vice-Chairman Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few grammatical changes to help the minutes read easier. Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the March 22nd, 2017 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Ratify Bills / Budget Report**

- 3.1 Ratify Bills: March 2017** – The board reviewed the bills paid during March 2017. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to ratify the bills paid during March 2017. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Budget Report: March 2017 – The board reviewed the budget for the period ending March 30th, 2017 and asked question of Clerk Balls

4. Old Business:

4.1 Utility Report – Building Square Footage - Clerk Balls reported that the Tigert Middle School square footage on the previously reported utility report did include the gymnasium, but not the annex square footage.

4.2 2nd Reading: Edgar Policy Manual – With no discussion, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve the Edgar Policy manual as 2nd reading. Trustee Stoor seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. New Business:

5.1 BPA Cords at Graduation – Business Professionals of America (BPA) advisor Cassi Cook and a BPA senior student asked the board to wear BPA graduation cords received for torch service awards. Discussion was held around allowing activity and organizational earned cords to be worn in addition to the academic cords. Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve that BPA cords be worn for one year, to put in the graduation program a footnote for what each cord represents, and to ask the high school administration to see if any other activity or organization would have cords available to be worn at graduation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Trustee Stoor voting in opposition.

5.2 Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament Trip – Several members of the High School Girls Basketball team asked the board for permission to play in a holiday tournament in San Diego California December 26th through December 31st. They would play three games and have two free days to visit the zoo, sea world, ocean, etc.. The cost would be \$1,000 per athlete. Trustee Stoor asked about having enough time between Christmas Day and the tournament per Idaho High School Athletic Association rules. There was also a question about the itinerary. The board decided to table this decision until more information could be gathered.

5.3 High School Music – Post Falls Trip: Principal Daniel reported that two High School students have qualified for the state music competition in Post Falls. These two students could go with the Bear Lake students and advisors, but they are traveling in a 15-passenger van rather than a yellow school bus. For safety reasons, Superintendent Stein recommended traveling in a yellow bus. The board discussed the cost of taking the two students on a yellow bus versus going with the Bear Lake students in a van. Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the two students travel to the state music competition in Post Falls with the Bear Lake students. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Construction Manager / General Contractor selection: Vice-Chairman Lau and Trustee Stoor explained the process the selection committee went through to reach a recommendation for the board: soliciting Request For Qualifications (RFQ) from several construction firms, receiving back RFQs from five firms, and interviewing three of them to reach a recommendation. The recommendation was to use Headwaters Construction Company as the Construction Manager / General Contractor for our potential TMS gym and classroom addition. Trustee Torgesen expressed concerns that she did not have enough information on this company to make a decision. After a discuss on the process and Headwaters Construction, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve using Headwaters Construction Company on the TMS gym and classroom addition. The motion was seconded by Vice-

Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed 4 to 0, with Trustee Torgesen abstaining from the vote.

5.5 TMS Gond Election Public Relations Plan: The board and administration discussed the ways that the information would be given to the public about the TMS bond election. It was discussed to use emails, the alert system, posters, social media, and the local newspaper to get the information to the public regarding the election.

5.6 Executive Session: Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(j) – Labor Contract

At 6:45pm, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(j) – Labor Contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Christensen – Yes, Vice-Chairman Lau – Yes, Trustee Stoor – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes, Trustee Erickson – Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the board considered the Soda Springs Education Association’s labor contract offer and formulated a counteroffer.

At 6:59pm, Trustee Stoor made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Christensen – Yes, Vice-Chairman Lau – Yes, Trustee Stoor – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes, Trustee Erickson – Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, the board went to agenda item number 7. Afterwards they continued the meeting as posted.

5.7 2017 – 2018 School Calendar: Clerk Balls presented the draft calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. The first day of school would be August 23rd, have two vacation days for Thanksgiving, getting out for Christmas break on December 20th and returning January 2nd, having a full week of spring break the week of March 19th, the last day of school would be May 23rd and High School graduation would be Thursday May 24th.

The board discussed at length the proposed calendar. They focused on the number of school days above the state requirements as well as High School graduation being moved to a Thursday. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 school calendar as proposed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Chairman Christensen and Trustee Torgesen voting in opposition.

5.8 1st Reading: Policy 569 “School Wellness”

5.9 1st Reading: Policy 638 “Student Fees”

Superintendent Stein reviewed the changes and updates to Policy 569 and Policy 638 with the board. After a brief discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the Policy 569 and Policy 638 as 1st Reading. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

6.1 Idaho Ed Law Seminar Report: Vice-Chairman Lau, Trustee Erickson, Superintendent Stein, and Principal Daniel reported that the Education Law Seminar was an excellent conference with great information.

6.2 ISBA Board Training: Clerk Balls will get in contact with the Idaho School Board Association to see about some training when they are in the area. He will then report back to the board.

Superintendent Stein then presented the resignation letter of Thirkill teacher, Samuel Wadsworth effective the end of the school year. After a brief discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept the resignation of Samuel Wadsworth. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. The motion passed 4 to 0 with Chairman Christensen abstaining from the vote.

The board then decided that June 7th at 7:00pm will be the budget hearing and July 5th at 7:00pm will be the annual meeting.

7. 7:00pm TMS Gym and Classroom Addition

7.1 Chairman Christensen, School Board, - School Board Presentation: Chairman Christensen welcomed the public that had arrived for the 7:00pm presentations. He introduced the presenters that would follow. He expressed the board's support for the TMS gym and classroom addition.

7.2 Garrett Chadwick, GPC Architects, - Architect Presentation: Garrett presented an overview of how the board came to the decision to ask the public to support these changes to the Tigert Middle School. He shared the numbers of how the \$6.5 Million amount was calculated.

7.3 Michael Tippets, Zion's Bank, - Finance Presentation: Michael presented an overview of the current and historical bond rates. He also used the \$6.5 Million number to show how much a property tax owner would have to pay.

After the presentations, the school board, presenters, and public had an informal discussion regarding many aspects of the project and financial impact to the property owners.

7.4 TMS Gym Tours: After the discussion, members of the public and school board tours the TMS gym and bathroom areas.

After the gym tours, the school board resumed its meeting where it left off at agenda item number 5.7

8. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.