

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

**APRIL 2nd, 2014
DISTRICT OFFICE
6:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Stoor called the Board meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Chairman Stoor, Vice-Chairman Christensen, Trustee Erickson, Trustee Lau, and Trustee Torgesen were in attendance. Also in attendance was Molly Stein, Superintendent, Jonathan Balls, Clerk, Sue Hansen, Principal, Debra Daniels, Principal, Robert Daniel, Principal, eight students, and eight patrons.

1.1 Approval of Agenda. Chairman Stoor asked if any additional agenda items were needed. No additional items were needed, so Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Stoor invited the trustees, administration, students and patrons to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Student Celebration: TMS Undefeated Quiz Bowl Teams - The board recognized the 7th and 8th grade quiz bowl teams. Coach Scott Kimball said that these kids were great to work with and were “really smart”. The board asked them about the format of the competition and some of their most difficult questions.

3. Read and Approve Minutes.

3.1 Approve the Minutes of March 19th, 2014 Board Meeting. Trustee Lau said in 9.1 to change ‘we’ to ‘the district’, in 9.2 to add the wording ‘according to state requirements’, in 10.0 change ‘herself’ to ‘she’. Chairman Stoor mentioned in 2.0 ‘pursuing’ is spelling wrong and in 10.0 ‘Superintendent’ is spelled wrong. With no further changes needed, Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the minutes of March 19th, 2014 as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Ratify Bills / Budget Report

4.1 Ratify Bills: March 2014 - The board asked a few questions of Clerk Balls regarding the bills from March 2014. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to ratify the bills from March 2014. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Budget Report: None

5. Correspondence: Superintendent Stein passed around a thank you card from the Indoor Soccer League participants.

6. Public Input: Ashley Stalcup, 150 East 3rd South, mentioned an email that she receives telling of free e-books.

Chairman Stoor recognized two boy scouts who were attending the meeting to fulfill their merit badge requirements. He and Trustee Erickson talked to them about the role of the board and commended them to continue to progress to their Eagle rank award.

7. Faculty/Staff Input: Principal Daniel commented on the spring athletic schedule that might be re-arranged by the weather. Principal Hansen mentioned successful grandparents day, book fair, and the 'Old Town Actors' assembly. Trustee Erickson and Trustee Torgesen commented how well the grandparents' day and book fair was run. Principal Daniels mentioned the cheer and drill team tryouts as well as the Spring Fling on the 14th of April.

8. Old Business:

8.1 Vision and Mission Statement – Chairman Stoor asked if we could move this item to the last item under the Chairman report.

9. New Business:

9.1 Summer Meeting Date – After reviewing their calendars, the board settled on July 23rd, 2014 as their Annual Meeting.

9.2 Board Negotiation Representation – Clerk Balls mention that negotiations with the teachers group will begin soon. After a brief discussion, Chairman Stoor asked if Vice-Chairman Christensen and Trustee Erickson would like to serve on the negotiation committee.

9.3 Curriculum Request - Principal Daniel represented the other Principals in requesting money from the Emergency Levy to purchase curriculum textbooks, on-line resources, and training. Tigert Middle School is asking for \$20,000, the High School is asking for \$40,000, and Thirkill is asking for \$45,000. The total amount requested is \$105,000. After discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve \$105,000 be spent from the Emergency Levy funds to buy textbooks, on-line resources, and training from the publishers. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Superintendent & Chairman Report: Superintendent Stein updated the board that Plan / One Architects will finish their building review on Friday and that the state building inspector will be

here on May 5th. She also mentioned we are still in need of bus drivers, the food service will have an audit on April 17th, and she and Clerk Balls will save the time and mileage by listening to the Post Legislative update on-line on Tuesday April 8th. Concerning safety, she is finalizing the crisis plan and drills are being conducted at each school building. She gave the board an update on the SBAC testing and how that is going in each school. To conclude, she said that KBRV is sponsoring a State Superintendent Candidate forum on April 18th at TMS.

10.1 ISBA Region Meeting April 10th: Chairman Stoor commented that on the 10th, we will be attending the ISBA region meeting in Pocatello where we will receive training on the ISBA standards and here a legislative update from the ISBA Executive Director. We will leave the district office at 4:15pm to be in Pocatello by 5:30pm for the meeting.

10.2. Vision & Mission: The board worked on re-wording the vision statement. The following is what was decided upon: *The Soda Springs School District, in collaboration with the community, will provide a safe and supportive learning environment combined with educational opportunities wherein each student becomes an educated, responsible, contributing citizen.* Then the board started to work on the mission statements and decided to have Clerk Balls email the draft statements to the board. They will review them and then come prepared next meeting to start finalizing them.

11. Executive Session – None:

12. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Stoor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.