

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

**April 27th, 2016
Soda Springs High School Library
5:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Vice-Chairman Erickson called the board meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. with Trustee Lau, Trustee Torgesen and Trustee Stoor in attendance. Chairman Christensen called in via cell phone. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Robert Daniel, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Debra Daniels, Counselor Chris Ledbetter, three educators, one staff member, three patrons, and one student.

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda.** Vice-Chairman Erickson asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Vice-Chairman Erickson said that the negotiation discussion was not needed under an executive session, but rather in the open meeting. He put moved this topic to item 9.9 of the agenda. 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 Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1.2 Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** Vice-Chairman Erickson asked if any board member needed to disclose a conflict of interest with the approved agenda. No conflict was disclosed.

- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance.** Vice-Chairman Erickson invited the trustees, administration, educators, staff, patrons, and student to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Facilities**

- 2.1 Study Findings:** Superintendent Molly Stein read a narrative, which in part read: "Approximately 724 emails with the facility survey links were sent home. Approximately 1250 paper surveys were mailed. Electronically, 144 of the surveys were returned with 463 of mailed surveys returned. The percentage of mailed surveys collected was 37%. Data indicate 44.14% (260) support for the Thirkill Elementary project with 55.86% (329) of patrons not in support of the projects. Data indicate 51.61% (304) support for the Tigert Middle School project with 48.39% (285) of patrons not in support of the projects. Data indicate 33.11% (196) support for the Soda Springs High School project with 66.89% (396) of patrons not in support of the projects. Overall themes emerging from the comments

include consolidation, the Hooper building, declining enrollment, and fixed income tax status.”

The made some individual comments about the study and said that they would continue to discuss the school facilities at the May 18th board meeting.

3. Read and Approve Minutes

3.1 Approve the Minutes of March 16th, 2016 Board Meeting: Trustee Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few grammatical and sentence structure suggestions to make the minutes read more clearly. Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the March 16th, 2016 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Ratify Bills / Budget Report

4.1 Ratify Bills: March 2016 – The board reviewed the bills paid from March 2016 and asked questions of Clerk Balls. Questions were also asked about the Hooper building bills. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify the bills paid in March 2016. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Budget Report: March 2016 - Clerk Balls reviewed the budget with the board for the period ending March 2016. The board discussed the budget.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Public Input:

Loren Adkins, 1772 Cedar View Rd, Soda Springs ID: Appreciated the effort of the board. He is interested in the facility discussion. He asked who the customer is for the board is. He said we don't need a new building. Said multiple contractors are needed, the building costs seem too high. He mentioned to put to the public the facility problems and then have multiple alternative solutions.

Liz James, 319 Mountain View, Soda Springs ID: She said that if the board decided to go with a 6-period day at the High School, she would like the advisory period to be earlier in the day.

Jean Adkins, 1772 Cedar View Rd, Soda Springs ID: She volunteered to help with the effort to get the community involved; could use volunteer effort to rally support. She wants to continue with consolidation talks with Grace and Bancroft.

Lori Ann Lau, Highway 30, Soda Springs ID: Asked about going for the HS. She does not support this. Success can be measured by the participation. Maybe the board can use the county assessments to get the word out regarding facilities.

Trustee Jim Stoor left the meeting as previously arranged.

7. Faculty/Staff Input: Mrs. Sue Hansen reported that Thirkill's Leadership day will be May 3rd from 1:30 – 3:30pm and the annual Fun Run is May 5th. Mrs. Daniels mentioned Tigert Middle Schools has a student painted mural hanging in the commons area of the school. She also said that the band has a concert on the 17th of May and a Lip Sync concert on the 12th of May. Educator Bryan Jensen talked of the great efforts made by the High School students on April 21st during their day of service. Mr. Robert Daniel said that 92% of the students participated.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

9.1 Set June Budget Hearing and July Annual Meeting: After looking at the schedule, the board decided on June 1st, 2016 as the budget hearing and July 6th, 2016 as the annual board meeting.

9.2 1st Reading: Policy 615 “Selection of Student Speakers at Commencement”

9.3 1st Reading: Policy 684 “Grading”

The board reviewed the approved two policies and asked questions of Principal Daniel and Counselor Ledbetter. After the discussion, Trustee Lau made a motion to accept Policy 615 and Policy 684 as second reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. The motion passed unanimously.

9.4 SSHS 6 Period Day: Mr. Daniel and Counselor Ledbetter explained going from a 7 period day to a 6 period day with an advisory period at the High School. They mentioned the advantages of the advisory period. The board asked questions and after the discussion, decided to table the topic until next board meeting.

Trustee Stoor re-joined the meeting via cell phone

9.5 Resignations / New Hires: Superintendent Stein read the resignation letters of Joe Brown as the High School Vo/Ag teacher and David Mirhadi as the special education teacher at Tigert Middle School. Chairman Christensen made a motion to accept the resignations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Stein then presented the names of Chris Carroll for hire as the Music Teacher, Chelsie Potter for hire as an Elementary Teacher, Monica Sturm for hire as an Elementary Teacher, and Shelly Humphreys for hire as a Special Education Teacher at Tigert Middle School. Trustee Stoor made a motion to hire Chris Carroll, Chelsie Potter, Monica Sturm, and Shelly Humphreys. The motion was seconded by Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

9.6 SSHS Vo/Ag Program: Superintendent Stein and Principal Daniel asked if the board wanted to continue full time with the Vo/Ag program. There are currently 6 – 12 students in each class. The board said that they would like to continue with a full time Vo/Ag teacher.

9.7 2015-2016 Calendar Change: Other options were made, so no change to the 2015-2016 calendar was needed.

9.8 SSHS School Closure 3-29-2016 at 11am: The High School students were sent home on this day and time due to a brown out in the power causing half of the building to lose lights, heat, and power. Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the early release of the High School on the 29th of March 2016 at 11am. Chairman Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9.9 Negotiations: Vice-Chairman Erickson updated the board on the negotiation meetings that were ongoing with the Soda Springs Education Association. Talks surrounded the 5.8% insurance rate increase and creating a second career ladder that would be a fixed amount above the state ladder. The current educators would be grandfathered on the current scale.

10. Superintendent & Chairman Report: Superintendent Stein reported to the board regarding topics covered at a recent law conference she attended: school fees, open meeting laws, negotiations, career ladder and social media.

Chairman Christensen left the meeting by hanging up his cell phone

11. Continuous Improvement Plan: None

12. Executive Session: Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Students At 8:21pm, Vice-Chairman Erickson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Lau made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. On a roll call vote: Trustee Lau: Yes, Trustee Torgesen: Yes, Trustee Stoor: Yes, Vice-Chairman Erickson: Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the board heard from the administration, student A, and the parents of student A. The board stayed in executive session to hear from the administration, student B, and the parents of student B.

At 10:47pm, Trustee Stoor made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. On voice vote: Trustee Lau: Yes, Trustee Torgesen: Yes, Trustee Stoor: Yes, Vice-Chairman Erickson: Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Once out of executive session, Trustee Stoor made a motion to suspend Student B for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and re-consider expulsion allowed by the 504 plan, after the pending court action. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Stoor then made a motion to expel Student A for the remainder of this school year and all of the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. On a roll call vote: Trustee Lau: Yes, Trustee Stoor: Yes, Vice-Chairman Erickson: Yes. Trustee Torgesen: No. The motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote.

13. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 pm.