

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

**July 6th, 2016
Soda Springs School District Offices
6:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

1. 1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Christensen called the board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Erickson, Trustee Lau, and Trustee Stoor in attendance. Trustee Torgesen joined the meeting already in progress. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls and one patron.

1.1 Approval of Agenda: Chairman Christensen asked if any additional agenda items were needed. With no changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. 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.

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

2. Read and Approve Minutes

2.1 Approve the Minutes of June 1st, 2016 Board Meeting: Trustee Lau had previously given Clerk Balls grammatical and sentence structure suggestions to make the minutes read more clearly. Vice-Chairman Erickson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the June 1st, 2016 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ratify Bills / Budget Report

3.1 Ratify Bills: June 2016 – The board reviewed the bills paid from June 2016 and asked questions of Clerk Balls. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify the bills

paid in June 2016. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Budget Report: May 2016 - Clerk Balls reviewed the budget for the period ending May 2016. The board asked questions of Clerk Balls during this time.

4. Public Input: None

5. Faculty/Staff Input: None

6. Reports:

6.1 Professional Development: Superintendent Stein reviewed the professional development that the staff received this year.

6.2 Leadership Premiums: Clerk Balls reviewed the summary numbers of the leadership premium's received by the teachers this year.

Trustee Torgesen entered the meeting.

7. Zion's Bank – Christian Anderson – Bonds: Christian Anderson, Vice-President of Zion's Bank gave a presentation to the board regarding bonds. The board asked questions of Mr. Anderson to further increase their understanding of the bonding process. He reviewed the bond terms available and the tax impacts for each term. The board discussed the aspects of the bonding process and the bond terms.

Mr. Anderson presented two proposals for bond counsel: Hawley Troxell and Moore Smith Buxton & Turcke. The board discussed each proposal and the strengths of each firm.

The board discussed the amount of the bond for the Tigert Middle School gym and classroom wing addition. During the discussion Trustee Lau reported on the trip he and Superintendent Stein and Clerk Balls took to the Aberdeen and the Snake River school districts to review their recent bond passage and new buildings.

After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to set the bond amount for \$6.5 Million to be paid back over a 10 year period using the law firm of Hawley Troxell as bond counsel. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Hawley Troxell will now draft the bond resolution for the board to adopt at the next board meeting.

8. Reports Continued:

8.1 Hooper Complex: Clerk Balls reviewed the financials for the Hooper Complex for the July 2015 – June 2016 school year. Without any major heating or maintenance expenses, the complex made approximately \$17,000 last year.

8.2 Utilities: Clerk Balls reviewed the utilities for each school building for the year 2015.

9. Old Business:

9.1 2nd Reading: Student Handbooks – After a brief discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve as 2nd reading the student handbooks for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9.2 2nd Reading: Policy 578 “Student Participants in Drug Testing”: After little discussion, Vice-Chairman Erickson made a motion to approve Policy 578 as second reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. New Business:

10.1 Resignations / New Hires: None

10.2 1st Reading: Lunch Price Increase – We are required to raise our lunch prices to meet federal guidelines. The prices will raise 10 cents, which puts Thirkill Elementary’s price at \$2.60 and TMS and SSHS’s prices at \$2.85. After a discussion, Vice-Chairman Erickson made a motion to approve the 10 cent lunch price increase as 1st Reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10.3 Elect 2016-2017 Board Officers: Chairman Christensen called for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Trustee Lau nominated Chairman Christensen. Trustee Torgesen nominated Trustee Lau. Using a roll call vote, Trustee Stoor, Trustee Lau, and Vice-Chairman Erickson voted for Chairman Christensen. Trustee Torgesen voted for Trustee Lau. By a 3 to 1 roll call vote, Chairman Christensen will serve as Chairman for the 2016-2017 school year.

Chairman Christensen called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Trustee Stoor nominated Vice-Chairman Erickson for Vice-Chairman. Trustee Torgesen nominated Trustee Stoor for Vice-Chairman. Using a roll call vote, Trustee Stoor voted for Vice-Chairman Erickson, with Trustee Lau, Chairman Christensen, Vice-Chairman Erickson, and Trustee Torgesen voted for Trustee Lau. By a 4 to 1 roll call vote, Trustee Lau will serve as Vice-Chairman for the 2016-2017 school year.

Chairman Christensen called for nominations for Board Treasurer. He nominated Kim John. By a voice vote, Kim John was retained to serve as Treasurer.

Chairman Christensen called for nomination for Board Clerk. Vice-Chairman Erickson nominated Clerk Balls. By a voice vote, Clerk Balls was retained to serve as Board Clerk

10.4 Establish 2016-2017 Meeting Dates: The board reviewed what day of the week and time it would like to have its board meetings for the upcoming year. It was decided to have the board meetings on the 4th Wednesdays starting at 7:00pm adjusting the date when it interferes with federal holidays.

11. Superintendent & Chairman Report: Superintendent Stein gave several articles to the board regarding: student fees, the Idaho SAT, a letter from MSBT, the teacher shortage, the Orofino School District Go-On incentives, a Master Teacher question and answer page, the gas spill well monitoring, and a boardmanship document.

12. Continuous Improvement Plan:

12.1 Goals for 2016-2017: The board reviewed the goals for the 2016-2017 school year and made adjustments. The goals for the 2016-2017 are:

1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Promote excellence in teaching, critical thinking, and rigorous academic learning. The district will maintain an efficient data management system allowing for frequent progress monitoring, and collect all

achievement data, establish a student data management plan, and set achievement targets and expectations for all students.

2. **STAFF AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

Professional development will be provided to all instructional staff on standards, subject matter knowledge, and meeting individual student developmental needs.

3. **FACILITIES**

The district will continue the planning process relative to future facility needs.

12.2 Vision and Mission: The board slightly modified the Vision as follows:

VISION (CREATED 4-2-2014 AMENDED 7-06-2016)

The Soda Springs School District, in association with our community, will provide a safe and supportive learning environment combined with educational opportunities wherein each student becomes an educated, responsible, contributing citizen.

The board did not modify the mission. It remains the same as the prior year as follows:

MISSION (CREATED 4-30-2014 AMENDED 8-12-2015)

The Soda Springs School District will:

- Promote success by advocating and sustaining a school culture conducive to student learning with excellence in teaching.
- Value uniqueness and diversity by fostering respectful relationships and engaging every student through varied learning strategies.
- Assist students in developing character, physical, social/emotional maturity and a positive work ethic.
- Incorporate relevancy, technology, and critical thinking through rigorous academic learning experiences resulting in high student achievement.
- Provide and maintain safe facilities which meet the current and future academic needs of the students and the community.
- Demonstrate fiscal accountability and responsible governance.

13. Executive Session: None

14. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.