

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

**September 27th, 2017
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DAN LAU	CHAIR
IRENE TORGESEN	VICE-CHAIR
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE
CRAIG KENYON	TRUSTEE
JIM STOOR	TRUSTEE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:05 pm with Vice-Chair Torgesen, Trustee Erickson, and Trustee Kenyon in attendance. Trustee Stoor joined the meeting while in progress. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Debra Daniels, three patrons, three staff, and four students.

1.1 Approval of Agenda: Chairman Lau asked if any additional agenda items were needed to be added to the posted agenda. Superintendent Stein asked that an agenda item be added for the Soda Springs High School Swim Team. Chairman Lau added this as agenda item number 2. With no further changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

- 2. Soda Springs High School Swim Team:** Superintendent Stein updated the board regarding the Idaho High School Athletic Association's (IHSAA) approval of swimming as a sanctioned sport, the board needs to decide if our High School should sponsor a swim team. She mentioned that we this does fall within our compliance of Title IX, that we would share the volunteer coach from Marsh Valley (Darci Nelson), and could follow Marsh Valley's implementation by having the parents transport the swimmers to practice and swim competitions. There is a \$50 IHSAA fee that can be paid by the High School, but all other fees would be paid by the students. Our swim student athletes need to be on a high school team to be able to compete in the state meets.

Coach Darci Nelson explained that there are currently three high school students and 2 Tigert Middle School students on the team. She is volunteering her time to help coach.

Vice-Chair Torgesen emphasized that the parents would be in charge of the transportation to practices and swim meets and that the coach is volunteering, so there are no costs to the District in these two areas.

Trustee Erickson explained why the board has been hesitant to add additional sports.

Current Teacher and swim athlete parent Dawn Worthington said that swimming is a great lifetime sport and this is needed for the students to compete in the State meet.

Student swim athlete Sadie Worthington said that swimming gave her great confidence and asked the board to approve a high school swim team.

After the testimony and discussion, Vice-Chair Torgesen made a motion to approve a Soda Springs High School Swim Team for 1 year, stipulating the parents provide transportation to practices and meets, use a volunteer coach, and the High School paying the \$50 IHSAA fee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a voice vote the motion passed unanimously 4 to 0, with Trustee Stoor not voting due to absence.

Trustee Stoor entered the meeting.

3. **2016-2017 Financial Audit Report:** At 7:26pm, Clerk Balls phoned Kurt Folke, the auditor from Quest CPAs LLC, to review the 2016-2017 audit report. Mr. Folke mentioned to the board that there were no findings during the audit review. He reviewed with the board various reports in the audit report. The board thanked Mr. Folke for his time and efforts. The phone call ended at 7:51pm. Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept the 2016-2017 Audit report as first reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. **TMS Construction Update:**

4.1 Construction Meeting September 21st, 2017 Chairman Lau updated the board on the September 21st 2017 meeting with GPC Architects, Headwaters Construction, District Administration, Trustee Erickson, and himself. The next phase of drawings for the music classroom, art classroom, locker rooms, gymnasium, and the secure entrance into TMS were reviewed. Headwaters Construction shared the first draft of costs for the projects.

4.2 Continued use of TMS Gym: The recommendation from the structural engineer to discontinue the use of the TMS gym was discussed. Superintendent Stein went on the record to support this recommendation. After a lengthy discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to discontinue the use of the TMS gym and condemn the structure. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Construction Bills: Clerk Balls brought forth the September TMS building construction bills to be paid totaling \$25,532.17. After a short discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the September construction bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

5.1. Approve the minutes of August 23, 2017 board meeting: Chairman Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few grammatical changes to help the minutes read easier. With no other changes to the minutes, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 23, 2017 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. Using a voice vote, the motion passed 4 to 0 with Trustee Stoor abstaining.

6. Ratify Bills and review Budget Report

6.1. Ratify Bills: August 2017 – The board reviewed the bills paid during August 2017 totaling \$517,634.77. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to ratify the bills paid during August 2017. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Budget Report: August 2017 The board reviewed the budget for the period ending August 31st, 2017 and asked questions of Clerk Balls.

7. Correspondence: Superintendent Stein read a letter stating that the FFA Soil team did well in its regional competition and will be headed to the state competition.

8. Public Input: None

9. Staff Input: Principal Hansen said that the school year is off to a good start at Thirkill Elementary. Principal Daniels said that the district has received a ‘Fuel Up to play 60’ grant totaling \$12,000. It will be awarded on October 4th, 2017 at the High School. The board is invited to attend.

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:

11.1. Resignation: Superintendent Stein presented the resignation letter of Kathy Sweet as a part time pre-school teacher. She also asked the board to let her out of her current contract for the 2017-2018 school year. After a short discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the resignation of Kathy Sweet and to void her signed contract. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11.2. Emergency Hire: Superintendent Stein asked that an emergency hire be declared for a Preschool Teacher. She then presented the name of an elementary teacher, Shantel Allen, to be hired for this position. Trustee Stoor made a motion to declare an emergency hire for a preschool teacher and to hire Shantel Allen as an elementary teacher. The motion was seconded Trustee Erickson. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11.3. Lincoln County WY – Border Contract: Clerk Balls presented the Border contract with the Lincoln County School District No. 2 to educate 17 students costing the state of Idaho \$248,184.33. After a short discussion, the motion to accept the border contract was made by Trustee Erickson. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The contract was then signed by Chairman Lau.

11.4. 2017-2018 Leadership Premiums: Superintendent Stein presented the leadership positions identified by the building principals. After a brief discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept the presented leadership positions. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Stein then presented the names of the certified teachers who will fill the approved leadership positions. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the names of the certified teachers to fill the approved leadership positions. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By using a voice vote, the motion passed 4 to 0, with Vice-Chair Torgesen abstaining.

11.5. Continuous Improvement Plan: Superintendent Stein presented the Continuous Improvement Plan detailing the student improvement progress plan, the literacy intervention plan, and the college and career mentoring plan. After a review of these individual plans, Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept

the Continuous Improvement Plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11.6. 1st Reading Policy 681: “Student Records”, Superintendent Stein led the board through a discussion on the changes to this policy. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve Policy 681 as 1st reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11.7. SSHS Volleyball Overnight Trip: Superintendent Stein asked that the board approve an overnight stay at a Volleyball Tournament on September 29th in Malad. After a discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the overnight stay for the SSHS varsity volleyball team. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

12. Superintendent & Chairman Report:

12.1. 2017-2018 Vision, Mission, and Goals: The board had individually reviewed the vision, mission, and goals and decided that they were good for the 2017-2018 school year.

12.2. ISBA Annual Convention Nov 8th – 10th: Clerk Balls said that he needed to register those that were going to the ISBA Annual Convention in Coeur d’Alene. Chairman Lau, Vice-Chair Torgesen, Trustee Stoor, and Trustee Erickson will be going for sure and Trustee Kenyon needed to check his work schedule closer to that time frame.

12.3. ISBA Resolutions: The board discussed bringing a resolution from the floor at the ISBA Convention to have the legislators push to restore the Federal Forest Funds. The board will discuss this at the next board meeting.

13. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 pm.