

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

**May 16, 2018
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:08 pm with Vice-Chair Torgesen, Trustee Stoor, and Trustee Kenyon in attendance. Trustee Erickson did not attend the meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Sue Hansen, Principal Debra Daniels, Principal Robert Daniel, High School Counselor Chris Ledbetter and two staff members.

1.1 Approval of Agenda: Chairman Lau asked if any additional agenda items were needed to be added to the posted agenda. Chairman Lau asked that the board discuss the start time of the June 6th board meeting during the Chairman Report section of the meeting. Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

2. Executive Session: IDAHO CODE § 74-206(1)(b) – Student: At 7:10 pm, Chairman Lau asked for a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. Trustee Stoor made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Lau – Yes, Vice-Chair Torgesen – Yes, Trustee Stoor – Yes, Trustee Kenyon – Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, high school counselor Chris Ledbetter updated the board on some high school seniors who are making up hours due to excessive absences in order to graduate.

At 7:38pm, Trustee Stoor made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Lau – Yes, Vice-Chair Torgesen – Yes, Trustee Stoor – Yes, Trustee Kenyon – Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Approve April 25, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few minor grammatical changes to help the minutes read easier. With no further changes to the minutes, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the April 25, 2018 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Ratify Bills and review Budget Report**
 - 4.1. **Ratify Bills: April 2018** – The board reviewed the bills paid during April 2018 totaling \$1,102,070.85. After a brief discussion on the bills, Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify the bills paid during April 2018. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.2. **Budget Report: April 2018** - The board reviewed the budget for the period ending April 30, 2018 and asked questions of Clerk Balls.
 - 4.3. **2018-2019 Budget Preview** – Clerk Balls updated the board on a few of the key numbers as he continues to put together next year’s financial budget.
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Public Input:** None
7. **Staff Input:** Principal Daniel reminded the board of senior graduation on May 24th at 7 pm. Counselor Ledbetter said the state has done a good job of quickly turning around the ISAT scores. Principal Daniels mentioned that 8th grade promotion will be held on May 23rd at 8:30 am. Chairman Lau and Vice-Chair Torgesen said they would be in attendance. Principal Hansen thanked those of the board that were able to attend Thirkill Elementary’s Leadership Day.
8. **TMS Construction Update:**
 - 8.1. **Progress Report:** Challenges have taken place with the sewer lines and the variety of different soils present. These have been worked through and are now ready for the footings to be poured.
 - 8.2. **May Construction Bills:** Clerk Balls presented the May construction bills in the amount of \$142,995.49 for approval to be paid. After a brief discussion, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to approve the May construction bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
9. **Old Business:** None
10. **New Business:**
 - 10.1. **Tigert Middle School Grading Pilot:** Tigert Middle School educator Scott Kimball presented a pilot program on standard based grading he has implemented in his classroom. Rather than using the tradition letter grades, he is using advanced (4), meets target (3), meets partial target (2), and little or no mastery (1). He found it to be very successful in student learning and motivation. The board discussed the program. The administration of Tigert Middle School is going to expand the pilot to those teachers that would like to implement it in their classroom next school year.
 - 10.2. **Superintendent Contract:** A discussion was held around adding an addition year to Superintendent Stein’s contract. The current contract has 2 years remaining of a historically 3-year contract. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to extend Superintendent Stein’s contract by one year. The

motion failed due the lack of a second to the motion. Chairman Lau asked that we put this agenda topic on the next meeting's agenda.

10.3. Classified & Administrative Salaries: The board discussed increasing the classified staff and administrative staff's wages by 3%. Clerk Balls had figures from the state to show where these raises could be paid from. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve a 3% raise for classified and administrative staff. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10.4. Summer Maintenance Projects: Clerk Balls and Superintendent Stein reviewed a list of maintenance projects the district is considering performing this Summer.

11. Superintendent & Chairman Report: Superintendent Stein updated the board upcoming policy changes, bus driver incentives, and hiring needs. Chairman Lau asked that we start the Budget hearing at 4pm on June 6th. Clerk Balls clarified that the time could change, but not the date. It was decided to have the budget hearing start at 4pm on June 6th.

12. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm.