

Board meetings are meetings of trustees held in public for the purpose of conducting the business of the Board. Patron input is invited during board meeting on the following basis:

To request to speak to the Board:

Patrons of the District may address the Board under the “Patron Input” section of the Reports heading of the agenda.

Expressions must be appropriate to the public setting. Discussion of personnel matters or personal attacks are not appropriate and will not be allowed.

In order to be recognized the citizen must, prior to the beginning of the meeting, sign the Public Input Sheet, which is located on a table at the back of the boardroom, and identify the topic which he/she wishes to address.

The Board will receive such input without comment except to ask germane questions.

Citizens will be recognized by the Chair. Citizen input should not exceed three minutes. The Chair will assign a timekeeper.

The Chair has the authority to control the meeting whenever necessary.

*****PUBLIC INPUT SHEET*****

Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

Topic: _____

Representing: _____

Soda Springs School District 150

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

WELCOME!

Welcome to this meeting of your Soda Springs Board of Trustees. The Board meets publicly to conduct the business of the District, and we welcome patron input concerning discussion of various issues affecting the District and students it serves. Because the Board is elected, members serve as the link between the community and the District's schools. The members of the Board represent you and want to hear your thoughts and comments in order to make decisions which reflect the needs and desires of this community for student achievement. The Board's role is governance, and it is responsible for setting District policy. The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for carrying out the Board's policy decisions, providing educational leadership and managing the District's budget and staff. Board members serve without pay, generously volunteering their time and expertise.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The Board normally meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Board room at the District Office, 250 E. 2nd S., Soda Springs, ID 83276, to conduct the regular business of the District. Other special meetings may be called from time to time, as the Board deems necessary. For specific information about the date, times, and location of any meeting, please call the District office at 208-547-3371. All meetings are held in public with the exception of Executive Sessions. Executive Sessions are held to discuss confidential matters pertaining to personnel, negotiations, property, tuition waivers, legal issues, and/or student hearings. Action taken on any item discussed in Executive Session will be made in open session. Meetings are advertised at Advantage Federal Credit Union, www.sodaschools.org, Tigert Middle School, Thirkill Elementary School, Soda Springs High School, and the Soda Springs School District office. Agendas are available at the Soda Springs School District office by the 3rd Monday of each month.

ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Individuals may speak to an agenda item by signing up to speak prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk of the Board maintains a sign-up sheet. The board chairman will invite you by name to address the board. When you begin to speak, please state your name, address, and the name of any organization which you are representing. This identifies you to the Board and to the audience. If you submit written testimony or a handout, please prepare 6 copies and give them to the Clerk of the Board. Groups should select one spokesman to address the Board. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes. This ensures that all who want to speak will have time and that the Board will be able to complete all of its business. Please do not make comments about or applaud statements by any speaker. Board meetings are not the appropriate forum for such actions.

It is customary for the school board to listen and respond only if there are clarifying questions. The board cannot take any action on items presented in public input. The board may direct the superintendent to respond to public input or provide additional information.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Patron letters received by board members will be shared with the superintendent. Individual board members cannot respond to individual correspondence. The school board only has authority to act as a board.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dan Lau, Chairman		Irene Torgesen, Vice-Chair	
Craig Kenyon		Jim Stoor	
Alan Erickson		Jonathan Balls, Clerk	



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Section 33-506(1)

ADOPTED: August 28, 2002

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