

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

August 26, 2020

**District Offices & Facebook Live
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

IRENE TORGESEN	CHAIR
STEVEN BARKER	VICE-CHAIR
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE
JIM STOOR	TRUSTEE
DAN LAU	TRUSTEE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Vice-Chair Barker called the board meeting to order at 7:07 pm with Trustee Stoor, Trustee Erickson, and Trustee Lau in attendance. Chair Torgesen joined the meeting via cellular phone. Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Treasurer Dawn Beeton, Principal Rod Worthington, Principal Jess McMurray, acting Principal Scott Kimball, one staff member, four patrons, and four students joined the board in the District Office Conference Room. Twenty-One staff and patrons joined the meeting via Facebook Live throughout the meeting. Principal Debra Daniels was previously excused from the meeting.

 - 1.1. Approval of Agenda:** Vice-Chair Barker asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added to the posted agenda. Trustee Stoor asked that the executive session be moved up to agenda item number 3. 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 Lau. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
 - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-Chair Barker invited the trustees, administration, staff, students, and patrons to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Hooper Gym Presentation:** Patron Billy Rasmussen had previously worked with Superintendent Stein and city recreation director Celeste Billman on reviewing the possibility of putting a hardwood floor down in the Hooper Building gym. This would provide an additional space for city recreation and other teams to hold basketball practices. He said that he could get donations for the \$50,000 hardwood floor but had concerns over the high school baseball team use in the Spring. A less expensive court could be put down that could hold up to the baseball use. After a discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to continue to look into this possibility and determine the best type of court. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Executive Session: IDAHO CODE § 74-206(1)(b) – Student** At 7:31 pm, Trustee Stoor made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a roll call vote: Chair Torgesen: Yes, Vice-Chair Barker: Yes, Trustee Lau: Yes, Trustee Erickson: Yes, Trustee Stoor – Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the board discussed the students affected by COVID19.

During the executive session, Chair Torgesen left the meeting.

At 8:22 pm, Trustee Stoor made a motion to go out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a roll call vote: Vice-Chair Barker: Yes, Trustee Lau: Yes, Trustee Erickson: Yes, Trustee Stoor: Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Once out of executive session, Trustee Stoor made a motion to have administration review: 1) attendance for homebound students, 2) grading for homebound students, and 3) teacher support for homebound students. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. Using a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Continuous Improvement Plan / Administrative Reports:**

4.1. **Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Stein updated the board regarding mental health services, career ladder funding, Title IX, building maintenance, safety training, and funds regarding to the CARES Act.

4.2. **Building Principals:** High School Principal Jess McMurray said that the first days of school is going great. Tigert Middle School acting Principal Scott Kimball said it was great to be back and the staff was working on getting better at the technology. Thirkill Principal Rod Worthington said that the first days of school is going well and that we have great staff – both teachers and paraprofessionals.

5. **Public / Faculty / Staff Input Received:** High School Students Caleb Messerly, Mckenzie Peck, Tylee Thompson, and Emily Brown expressed thanks for being able to go back to school and felt like there was too much online teaching with some of the teachers.

Parent Jess Bowman, 1717 Cedar View Road, mentioned that her children were excited to go back to school and that being at school should continue to be a priority. She also felt that focus should be on learning face to face and not on using technology.

6. **Policy Review:**

6.1. **1st Reading: Policy 290 “Nondiscrimination Policy”**

Trustee Stoor mentioned that he had a hard time supporting some of the new policy language.

6.2. **1st Reading: Policy 296 “Title IX Grievance Policy”**

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6.3. **1st Reading: Policy 409.50 “Administrative Leave”**

Trustee Stoor asked that we re-name this policy using another word instead of “Administrative”.

6.4. **1st Reading: Policy 410 “Leaves of Absence”**

6.5. **1st Reading: Policy 425 “Expanded FMLA Leave and Paid Sick Leave”**

6.6. **1st Reading: Policy 555 “Communicable Diseases”**

After the board discussed each policy, Trustee Stoor made a motion to accept the above policies as 1st reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. **TMS & SSHS Construction:**

7.1. **Approve August TMS Construction Bills:** Clerk Balls reviewed with the board the bills for the TMS building and district office. The total amount came to \$140,999.60. After the board asked questions of

clerk Balls, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the proposed bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7.2. Update on SSHS Gym and Track: The gym floor is installed, painted, waxed and cured. The bleachers began to be installed on Monday August 24. The new south bleachers is scheduled to ship from the manufacture on November 16. The track asphalt, sprinkler system, and landscaping is complete. The rubber and painting will start on September 8.

8. New Business:

8.1. Policy Service Firm: The school board discussed receiving policy updates from the Idaho School Board Association and Holinka Law. The differences and possible consequences of each choice was discussed. It was determined that more information was needed and will be tabled for next meeting.

8.2. Lunch Rate Increase for SSHS and TMS: An error was found in a new step the USDA uses to determine the weighted average of the lunch prices at SSHS and TMS. When this step was included we are 2 cents below the required price. It was recommended that the lunch prices for SSHS and TMS increase 5 cents to \$3.15 for lunch. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the lunch price increase for the SSHS and TMS schools. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8.3. Plant Facility 10-year levy and November Election: Clerk Balls explained that this year both the Plant Facility Levy and the Supplemental Levy will be up for renewal. A discussion was had regarding putting both of these levies on the same ballot in March or put one on the November ballot and another on the March ballot. A discussion was also had regarding the amount of the Plant Facility Levy.

After the lengthy discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to adopt a resolution to create and establish a School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund in the amount up to \$498,000 each year for ten (10) years for the purposes of acquiring, purchasing, or improving school sites; constructing, adding to, remodeling, improving or repairing any existing buildings; purchasing or leasing of modular classrooms; and furnishing and equipping any buildings, including all safety, security, lighting, heating, ventilation, and sanitation facilities and appliances and technology upgrades necessary to maintain and operate the buildings of the District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8.4. Notes from 8-26-2020 Financial Audit: Clerk Balls said that the financial audit began today and will conclude the next day. The audit was going very smoothly. The preliminary numbers for the carry forward appear to be increasing at a good amount. Clerk Balls said that the board could speak to auditors if they would to. The audit report will be finished and reviewed by the board at the September 30 board meeting.

9. Approve the Consent Agenda items:

- 9.1.** Minutes from 07-08-2020 and 07-29-2020 Board Meetings
- 9.2.** Bills Paid June 2020 and July 2020, totaling \$978,284.41 and \$801,664.88 respectively
- 9.3.** Budget ending July 31, 2020
- 9.4.** 2020-2021 Bus Routes
- 9.5.** Alternate Route to Certification for 6 educators seeking additional endorsements and certifications
- 9.6.** 2020-2021 Enrollment Numbers is 872 students compared to 939 the first days of school last year
- 9.7.** 2019-2020 Hooper Building Financial showing a profit of \$5,242.69.
- 9.8.** Surplus Auction will be held on Friday September 18, 2020 from 10am to 12pm at the District Office.

Jim Stoor made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 10. Announcements / Schedules / Correspondence:** Trustee Erickson reminded the board that the ISBA regional meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at 5:30pm. The board meeting will be held the following week on the 30th.
- 11. Adjournment.** With no further action needed by the board, Vice-Chair Barker declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.