

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

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
District Offices  
7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>DAN LAU</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
<b>IRENE TORGESEN</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR</b>
<b>CRAIG KENYON</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>JIM STOOR</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>
<b>ALAN ERICKSON</b>	<b>TRUSTEE</b>

**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:06 pm with Vice-Chair Torgesen and Trustee Erickson in attendance. Trustee Stoor and Trustee Kenyon would join the meeting already in progress. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Jess McMurray, Principal Rod Worthington, and one patron.

**1.1 Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Lau asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added to the posted agenda. With no changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Trustee Erickson 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, staff, and patron to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Stoor entered the meeting already in progress.

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

**2.1. Chairman:** Chairman Lau reviewed the changes to the agenda and instructed trustees to focus their discussion on the students and how to help them succeed.

**2.2. Superintendent:** Superintendent Stein reviewed the district's Continuous Improvement Plan including testing, teacher evaluation, student safety, maintenance, technology, and stakeholder collaboration. In addition, she highlighted state efforts toward the new funding formula.

**2.3. Principals:**

**2.3.1.** Soda Springs High School: Principal McMurray shared the high school's reading efforts, the Love for Liz Campaign, and the use of the Remind App and Qualtrics surveying software. Chairman Lau asked Principal McMurray to give a short presentation to the school board next

month on the Qualtrics surveying software. Clerk Balls was asked to add it to next month's agenda.

Trustee Kenyon entered the meeting already in progress.

**2.3.2. Tigert Middle School:** Superintendent Stein reviewed Tigert Middle School's efforts with Drug and Alcohol Addiction awareness.

**2.3.3. Thirkill Elementary School:** Principal Worthington discussed the new Idaho Reading Indicator and IStation Curriculum as well as writing efforts and the PTO's efforts to provided books to all students.

**3. Public Input:** Shannon O'Donnell, 795 Woodland Drive, Soda Springs Idaho, commended the Thirkill Principal for greeting the students and parents each morning and how safe that makes the building feel. She also asked that the new High School attendance policy be reviewed against the Civil Right Act to ensure they are not in conflict. Chairman Lau thanked her for her comments.

**4. Faculty / Staff Input:** Principal Worthington said that Robert Gentry is a great man and employee. Superintendent Stein and Clerk Balls agreed.

## **5. Policy Review:**

### **5.1. Remove Policy 519 "Name/Gender Change"**

### **5.2. Remove Policy 519.50 "Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students"**

Superintendent Stein explained that these policies were required under the Obama administration, but not no longer required under the Trump administration. Our lawyers recommended pulling these policies from our policy manual. Superintendent Stein continued that the information is still in federal code and will follow its direction. Removal of these policies is simply to keep the policy manual up-to-date with only required policies. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to remove policy 519 and policy 519.50 from the policy manual. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Tigert Middle School Construction**

**6.1. Ratify December Construction Bills:** The board reviewed the bills paid in December 2018 for the Tigert Middle School construction totaling \$380,858.88, which were previously approved by Chairman Lau and Trustee Erickson. After the discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to ratify the Tigert Middle School construction bills paid in December 2018. Trustee Erickson seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**6.2. Approve January Construction Bills:** The board reviewed the bills scheduled to be paid in January 2019 for the Tigert Middle School construction totaling \$137,213.21. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the Tigert Middle School construction bills to be paid in January 2019. Trustee Stoor seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Erickson commented that he was impressed with the progress of the construction and the work looks incredible.

**6.3. Change Order Options:** The board discussed the need and financial impact of the following change orders:

CR029 – Raise South Lights in Aux Gym - \$439

CR030 – Add Fire Rated Insulation to Piping in Plenum - \$4,894

CR031 – Build platform to access the Heat Pumps & Filters – \$12,071

After reviewing the individual change orders, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the above change orders. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Old Business: None**

**8. New Business:**

**8.1. Emergency School Closure 01-07-2019:** Superintendent Stein reviewed the snowing and blowing conditions as well as the process of determining to cancel school or not. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the emergency school closure on January 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**8.2. Elect 2019 Board Officers:** Vice-Chair Torgesen briefly shared her thoughts regarding her current situation. Afterwards, Trustee Kenyon mentioned to just keep all positions as presently constituted. By acclamation, Dan Lau will serve as Chairman, Irene Torgesen will serve as Vice-Chair, Jonathan Balls will serve as Clerk, and Kim John will serve as Treasurer.

**8.3. 2019 Board Meeting Dates, Times, and Agenda Posting Locations:** The board decided on the following dates for board meeting dates and times:

Date	Location	Time
Wednesday, February 27, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 27, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, April 24, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, June 05, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Monday, July 01, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, August 28, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, September 25, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, October 23, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, December 18, 2019	District Offices	7:00pm
Wednesday, January 22, 2020	District Offices	7:00pm

The agenda posting locations will be on the outside door of the District Office, Thirkill Elementary, Tigert Middle School, Soda Springs High School, and the Soda Springs Public Library. The agenda will also be posted on the website and all efforts will be made to have it on the Advantage Plus Federal

Credit Union marquee and the City of Soda Springs event calendar. Per Idaho Code, the agenda will be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**8.4. Code of Ethics:** The board discussed signing the Code of Ethics. It was determined that they would sign these individually.

**9. Consent Agenda:**

**9.1. Minutes from 12-05-2018 Board Meeting**

**9.2. Minutes from 12-12-2018 Board Meeting**

**9.3. Bills paid December 2018 totaling \$966,106.47**

**9.4. Budget ending December 31, 2018**

**9.5. Report: Utilities 2018**

Trustee Kenyon made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Announcements / Schedule**

**10.1. ISBA Day on the Hill: February 18-19, 2019 Boise:** All board members said that they will be attending this event. They told Clerk Balls which workshop they will be attending, if any. A discussion was had on travel arrangements.

**11. Adjournment.** With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.