

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

**MARCH 4TH, 2014
DISTRICT OFFICE
6:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

JIM STOOR	CHAIRMAN
CHAD CHRISTENSEN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
DAN LAU	TRUSTEE
ALAN ERICKSON	TRUSTEE

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Stoor called the Board meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Chairman Stoor, Vice-Chairman Christensen, Trustee Erickson, and Trustee Lau was in attendance. Trustee Torgesen was previously excused from the board meeting. Also in attendance was Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Robert Daniel, Principal Sue Hansen, Maintenance Director Doug Hogan, one educator, and four patrons.

1.1 Approval of Agenda. Chairman Stoor asked if any additional agenda items were needed. Superintendent Stein mentioned that an item was needed to discuss a provisional authorization. Chairman Stoor added that as item 8.3 and moved Strategic Planning to item 8.4 of the agenda. Trustee Lau made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

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

2. Read and Approve Minutes

2.1 Approve Minutes of the February 19th, 2014 Board Meeting. Trustee Lau said that in item 9.1 the minutes should state the resignation of Mrs. Joy Wilson will be effective the end of the school year. Trustee Lau also mentioned that in 9.3 the sentence should read, "Discussion was had regarding how this evaluation would be used as a basis for future facility decisions." Vice-Chairman Christensen said that he was sure the meeting was over prior to 8:57pm. After investigating, the time was closer to 8:27pm. With no other changes, Vice-Chairman Christensen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19th, 2014 as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Erickson entered the meeting

3. Ratify Bills / Budget Report

3.1 Ratify Bills: February 2014 The board reviewed and asked several questions of Clerk Balls regarding the bills from February 2014. After the discussion, Trustee Lau made a motion to ratify the bills from February 2014. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Budget Report: None

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Input: Public Input and questions were heard from Ashley Stalcup, 150 East 3rd South, Rebecca Fryar, 260 South Main, and Tonia Kenyon, 1788 Cedar View Road asked if the school board had talked to Grace and Bancroft about consolidation, especially to Bancroft prior to them voting on the new building. Superintendent Stein explained that our school districts had been through this process about 4 – 5 years ago. Superintendent Stein has been in contact with the Grace Superintendent. She explained the events that led to these two school boards considering consolidation.

6. Faculty/Staff Input: Principal Hansen said they have started the Art Club at Thirkill Elementary to a great success. Principal Daniel said that the high school has begun spring sports.

7. Old Business:

7.1 Facilities Update: Clerk Balls told the board that Plan/One Architects and engineers from ES2 visited the district to begin the facilities review. Trustee Lau said that since these individuals are in the district evaluating the other buildings, we should have them evaluate the Hooper complex as well. After discussion, it was determined to include this building in the facilities evaluation.

7.2 Supplemental Levy March 11th: Clerk Balls and Superintendent Stein reviewed what the supplemental levy was used for and gave a brief overview of the funding of a school district.

8. New Business:

8.1 Thirkill Professional Development: Principal Hansen would like to have the Thirkill Elementary staff attend ‘The Leader in Me’ training. She asked the board for approval for the last day of Thirkill be May 22nd so the staff could attend this training May 27th – May 29th. Clerk Balls had reviewed the required hours for the grades at Thirkill and determined that they would have over 112 more hours than what was required. After discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the calendar modification so that Thirkill Elementary’s last day will be May 22nd, 2014. Trustee Lau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2 ISBA Board Standards: Chairman Stoor presented the standards that were created by the Idaho School Boards Association. After discussion regarding these standards and possibly adopting them as the standards for the Soda Springs School District, Trustee Erickson made a motion to accept these standards for the Soda Springs

School District. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen. The motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Provisional Authorization: Superintendent Stein explained how a coding error in ISEE caused two teachers' classes to be unfunded by the State Department of Education. To receive the funding, an emergency hire needs to be declared by the board to receive this provisional authorization for the two classes. After discussion, Trustee Lau made a motion to declare an emergency situation. Vice-Chairman Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.4 Strategic Planning: Using the draft document Superintendent Stein provided February 5th, the board took some time to revise the School District's vision statement. As a draft, the board came up with: "*The Soda Springs School District, in conjunction with its patrons, provides a safe learning environment and educational opportunities where each student learns to become responsible, contributing citizens.*" The board will review the mission statements before the next board meeting.

9. Superintendent & Chairman Report: Director Hogan said that he will now be working to clean the cinders from the parking lot.

10. Executive Session – None

11. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Stoor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.