

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

**June 10, 2020**

**Zoom Video Conference & District Offices  
7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Torgesen called the board meeting to order at 7:03 pm with Vice-Chair Barker, Trustee Stoor, Trustee Erickson and Clerk Jonathan Balls meeting at the District Office. Trustee Lau, Superintendent Molly Stein, Treasurer Dawn Beeton, Principal Jess McMurray, Principal Debra Daniels, Principal Rod Worthington, and three staff and patrons joined the meeting via Zoom video conferencing.

  - 1.1. Approval of Agenda:** Chair Torgesen 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 Barker. Using a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.
  - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Torgesen invited the trustees, administration, staff, and patrons to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Executive Session: IDAHO CODE § 74-206(1)(j) – Labor Contract Matters** At 7:04 pm, Trustee Stoor made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(j) – Labor Contract Matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. 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 current negotiated agreement offer.

At 7:30 pm, Trustee Erickson made a motion to go out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. 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.

- 2.1. 2020-2021 Negotiated Agreement:** Once out of executive session, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Negotiated Agreement by ratifying the negotiated agreement offer that the district would continue to pay the teachers above the state schedule held at last year's rates, pay for the

8.8% medical insurance premium increase and give an extra sick day bringing to total to 14. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lau. Using a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Open Budget Hearing:** Chair Torgesen declared the 2020-2021 Budget Hearing open

**4. Continuous Improvement Plan / Administrative Reports:** Superintendent Stein reviewed the district's plan for federal ESSERF CARE funds which will be used to supplement cost of personnel and sanitation issues related to COVID-19. She reported on efforts to maintain Leadership Premiums which were cut as a result of the 5% holdback. In addition, she highlighted changes to the Career Ladder, online kindergarten registration, and technology updates in the District. Superintendent Stein highlighted the draft version of the district's re-opening plan for the fall semester but reiterated that final guidance from the Governor's Office and the State Board of Education is expected July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Building principals continue to work on grade specific plans. The draft plan will be presented to the board for approval later this summer. Each building Principal discussed the plans for providing training for teachers, students, and parents to implement and understand the technology platform in their classroom education.

**5. Public / Faculty / Staff Input Received: None**

**6. Policy Review: None**

**7. TMS Construction**

**7.1. Approve June 2020 Construction Transfer:** The board discussed transferring \$27,452.44 of expenses from the TMS maintenance budget account to the TMS Bond Construction budget account. Clerk Balls explained these were items that would have been included in the bond but was put into maintenance to ensure that we had enough money to finish the construction project. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the \$27,452.44 transfer from TMS maintenance to TMS construction. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barker. Using a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**7.2. TMS Construction Bond Update:** Clerk Balls updated the board that the district still has \$354,768.57 of unspent bond monies and \$173,349.73 of unspent interest earned totaling \$528,118.30. He then reviewed that approximately \$154,161 was committed with the majority of it going to pay for additional acoustical panels in the TMS gymnasium and classrooms (\$116,336). Other expenditures Purchase Ordered are Classroom Desks and 72 Notebooks and the District Conference Room furniture. The board asked for quotes to put a truss roof on the district office and how many heat pumps still needed to be replaced.

**7.3. Update on SSHS Roofing, Gym, and Track:** Clerk Balls updated the board that Flood and Fire Solutions have removed the floor and ice blasted the joists. The hygienist has been out to test for mold and will have the results later this week. A+ Contractors has dug out the entire base of the track and are working with electric and irrigation vendors to ensure that all sleeves are in place under the track base. Both projects are on schedule to be completed prior to school starting.

**8. Old Business: None**

**9. New Business:**

**9.1. School Lunch Price Increase:** The board reviewed the federally required 5 cent lunch price increase for Thirkill Elementary. This will bring Thirkill Elementary lunch price to \$2.95 and TMS and SSHS lunch prices would remain the same at \$3.10. After a brief discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to

approve the 5 cent increase to the Thirkill Elementary as 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Trustee Erickson seconded the motion. Using a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**9.2. Superintendent Contract:** Chair Torgesen asked that this agenda item be tabled until the July board meeting.

**9.3. Proposed 2020-2021 School Budget:** Superintendent Stein and Clerk Balls stepped the board through the 2020-2021 school budget. The budget incorporates the 5% reduction of State funds and the 4% reduction in the supplemental levy amount that the patrons approved in March. Salaries will remain the same as last year and supply budgets will be reduced the 5%. Money from the carry forward will be used to ensure budgetary impacts have minimal impact to the education process.

**9.4. Proposed 2020-2021 School Handbooks:** The school board briefly reviewed the handbooks with each building Principal. Chair Torgesen asked that each board member review the handbook and reach out to the Principal and Superintendent Stein with any questions and the board will review them again at the July board meeting.

**10. Consent Agenda:** Chair Torgesen read through the consent agenda detailing each item and asking if any discussion was needed.

**10.1. Minutes from May 13, 2020 Board Meeting**

**10.2. Resignation, Transfer, and New Hires:** Resignation of Katie Hatch as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, transferring Monica Sturm from 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Thirkill to replace Katie Hatch in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and hire Erika Maughan as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and Kataya Kallstrom as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher both at Thirkill Elementary.

**10.3. Surplus Equipment Auction:** 2 Railroad cars at SSHS to be auctioned off on June 25, 2020 at 11am

**10.4. Bills paid May 2020 totaling \$658,531.80**

Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barker. Using a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**11. Announcements / Schedule / Correspondence:** With the discussion centering around when the state will have the school re-opening guidance for Superintendent Stein to put into the district plan, the board decided to move the July board meeting back one week until July 8, 2020 at 7pm.

**12. Close Budget Hearing:** With no further comments regarding the proposed budget, Trustee Lau made a motion to close the 2020-2021 school budget hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**13. Approve and adopt 2020-2021 School Budget:** Trustee Lau Stoor made a motion to approve and adopt the 2020-2021 school budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. Using a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**14. Adjournment.** With no action needed once out of executive session and no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chair Torgesen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18pm.