

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

**October 24, 2018
District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DAN LAU

CHAIR

CRAIG KENYON

TRUSTEE

JIM STOOR

TRUSTEE

ALAN ERICKSON

TRUSTEE

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Lau called the board meeting to order at 7:04 pm with Trustee Kenyon and Trustee Erickson in attendance. Trustee Stoor would join the meeting already in progress. Vice-Chair Torgesen had previously asked to be excused from the meeting. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Jess McMurray, Principal Debra Daniels, Principal Rod Worthington, and four students.

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Lau asked if any additional agenda items were needed 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 Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Lau invited the trustees, administration, staff, and students to join Clerk Balls in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Student Reports and Celebrations:** Darby Siepert and Kate White, representing the High School Cross County Teams, thanked the School Board for allowing their team to travel to Missoula Montana to stay overnight and participate in the Mountain West Classic. The teams ran well and formed great friendships as because of the experience.

Trustee Stoor entered the meeting.

Reagan Yamauchi and Cedar Hopkins, representing the High School Volleyball Team, thanked the School Board for allowing them to travel and stay overnight in Malad Idaho to participate in the Malad Volleyball Tournament. The volleyball team competed well and formed great friendships because of the event.

The School Board commended all the teams for representing the school district well.

- 3. Approve September 20, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few minor grammatical changes to help the minutes read easier. With no further changes to the minutes, Trustee Kenyon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the September 19, 2018 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Ratify Bills and review Budget Report

4.1. Ratify Bills: September 2018 – The board reviewed the bills paid during September 2018 totaling \$894,229.97. After a brief discussion on the bills, Trustee Erickson made a motion to ratify the bills paid during September 2018. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4.2. Budget Report: September 2018 - The board reviewed the budget for the period ending September 30, 2018 and asked questions of Clerk Balls

5. Correspondence: Superintendent Stein passed along thank-you notes from the family of Wilda Phelps and the family of Ilene Horsley for the flowers sent to their respective funerals.

Trustee Lau also mentioned that each board member received a letter from the Coeur d'Alene educator, Ralph Ginorio regarding introducing Western Civilization curriculum at the Soda Springs High School.

6. Public Input: None

7. Faculty Input: Principal McMurray mentioned the Boys Cross Country team are the 2A Academic State Champions. Principal Daniels said that the Drill and Cheer team will represent the school at the Capital Christmas Tree ceremony on Friday November 16th. She also displayed some coding examples from the student of the Tigert Middle School. Principal Worthington mentioned that the PTO Fall Festival will be held October 25th from 5pm to 8pm at the Thirkill Elementary. He also noted that several 4th graders sang the National Anthem for the last high school football game. It was also noted that the Veteran's Day Program will be held at the High School on Monday November 12th.

8. Old Business:

8.1. 2017-2018 Financial Audit Report: Chairman Lau asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the 2017-2018 financial audit report. Trustee Stoor said that he had asked questions of Clerk Balls previously. He also recommended for next year, the district evaluate if it needs to implement GASB 75 regarding Other Post-Employment Benefits. Trustee Stoor then made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 Financial Audit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8.2. 2nd Reading – Policy # 277: “Record Retention & Destruction” During the discussion of this policy, the board chose option ‘A’ in the policy that allows for the deleted email trash bin to be emptied after 90 days.

8.3. 2nd Reading – Policy # 633: “Advanced Opportunities” During the discussion of this policy, the board decided to not allow a student to challenge a course.

After the discussion of policy 277 and policy 633, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the above policies as second reading. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stoor. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business:

9.1. SSHS Overnight Trip: Principal McMurray asked the board to allow an overnight trip for the High School girls basketball team on November 30 as they play at Sugar Salem and then Ririe the following day. After asking a few questions and holding a discussion, Trustee Stoor made a motion to approve the overnight trips that are being requested. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kenyon. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. TMS Construction:

10.1. Approve October Construction Bills: The board reviewed the bills scheduled to be paid in October 2018 for the TMS construction totaling \$385,304.05. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the TMS construction bills to be paid in October 2018. Trustee Kenyon seconded the motion. Using a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10.2. District Purchased Equipment: Clerk Balls reviewed with the board a draft list of all the furniture, fixtures, and equipment that will need to be bought for the new gymnasium as well as the classroom wing.

11. Superintendent & Chairman Report: Superintendent Stein reviewed with the board several topics within the district that are aligned with the continuous improvement plan. Chairman Lau reminded the board that they decided they would do an interim evaluation of Superintendent Stein. Chairman Lau asked Clerk Balls to put an executive session on next month's agenda for this topic.

11.1. Future Board Meeting Schedule and other calendar items: The board reviewed the board meeting schedule up until the January 2019 annual meeting. The board decided to move the December board meeting from December 12th to December 5th.

11.2. Board Training: ISBA Annual Conference 11/14-11/16: The board discussed departure times for the ISBA annual conference.

12. Adjournment. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lau declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.