

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

**August 24th, 2016
Soda Springs School District Offices
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Christensen called the board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Lau, Trustee Erickson, and Trustee Torgesen in attendance. Trustee Stoor had previously asked to be excused from the meeting. Also in attendance were Superintendent Molly Stein, Clerk Jonathan Balls, Principal Robert Daniel, Counselor Chris Ledbetter, one staff member, and two patrons.

1.1 Approval of Agenda: Chairman Christensen asked if any additional agenda items were needed. With no changes brought forth to the posted agenda, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Chairman Christensen asked if any board member needed to disclose a conflict of interest with respect to the approved agenda. No conflict was disclosed.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Christensen 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)(b) – Student: At 7:14pm, Trustee Erickson made a motion to go into executive session per Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) – Student. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Christensen – Yes, Vice-Chairman Lau – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes, and Trustee Erickson – Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session the board discussed the individual education plans of four students with Counselor Ledbetter, Principal Daniel, and Superintendent Stein.

At 8:01pm, Trustee Erickson made a motion to go out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. Using a roll call vote: Chairman Christensen – Yes, Vice-Chairman Lau – Yes, Trustee Torgesen – Yes, and Trustee Erickson – Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Once out of executive session, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve the individual education plans for Student A, Student B, Student C, and Student D. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Facilities:** Christian Anderson from Zion's Bank gave the board a presentation on the current bond rates and the tax impact on the patrons. Mr. Anderson also presented an agreement for Zion's Bank to be the school board's financial bond advisor. After reviewing the agreement, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to accept and enter into the agreement with Zion's Bank. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3.1 Bond Resolution: The board reviewed the bond resolution that was drafted by the district's bond counsel Hawley Troxell. After the discussion of the resolution, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to adopt and approve a resolution calling for a special election to be held on November 8th, 2016 to issue up to \$6,500,000.00 of negotiable bonds for the purpose of financing the costs of repair, renovation, and new construction at the Tigert Middle School complex, including demolition of existing structures to be replaced, acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of a new gymnasium and a new classroom wing, and all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Professional Services- Architect & Construction Manager: The board discussed using our current Architect – Garrett Chadwick with GPC. Clerk Balls updated the board that after reviewing the previous agreement with our lawyers, the board can either continue or discontinue the relationship with the GPC. Trustee Torgesen asked for a list of references that GPC had completed. Clerk Balls will contact Mr. Chadwick to get the list of references. A brief discussion was had regarding submitting a RFQ to hire a Construction Manager prior to the election. The board asked Superintendent Stein and Clerk Balls to proceed with this process.

3.3 Public Relations Plan: After discussing the need for a public relations plan, Chairman Christensen asked if Vice-Chairman Lau and Trustee Erickson will work with Administration to come up with a plan to review with the rest of the board. They both agreed to do so.

4. Read and Approve Minutes

4.1 Approve the Minutes of July 6th, 2016 Board Meeting: Vice-Chairman Lau had previously given Clerk Balls a few grammatical and sentence structure suggestions to make the minutes read more clearly. Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the July 6th, 2016 board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Ratify Bills / Budget Report

5.1 Ratify Bills: July 2016 – The board reviewed the bills paid from July 2016 and asked questions of Clerk Balls. After the discussion, Trustee Erickson made a motion to ratify the bills paid in July 2016. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lau. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

During the discussion of the bills, Vice-Chairman Lau updated the board on the ISBA Leadership Institute that he attended. He commented that it was one of the best training

he has attended. He summarized saying that true board leadership will focus on outcomes and achievements.

5.2 Budget Report: July 2016 - Clerk Balls reviewed the budget for the period ending July 2016. The board asked questions of Clerk Balls during this time.

6. Public Input: None

7. Faculty/Staff Input: None

8. Old Business:

8.1 2nd Reading: Lunch Price Increase – After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve as 2nd reading a 10 cent lunch price increase for each school for the 2016-2017 school year, which puts Thirkill Elementary’s price at \$2.60 and TMS and SSHS’s prices at \$2.85.. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business:

9.1 Resignations / New Hires: Superintendent Stein mentioned to the board that Connie Johnson retired as the Tigert Middle School Librarian. She then presented the name of Brian Bassett to be hired as the new Technology Specialist. Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to accept the resignation of Connie Johnson and Brian Bassett as the new Technology Specialist. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Surplus Equipment: Clerk Balls presented the board the list of surplus equipment. The surplus auction will be held on September 10th at 9am. Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to declare the list of equipment as surplus. The motion was seconded by Trustee Erickson. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9.3 Bus Routes: The board reviewed the draft bus routes for the 2016-2017 school year. Trustee Erickson made a motion to approve the bus routes for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9.4 1st Reading: Policy 205 “Continuous Improvement Plan”

9.5 1st Reading: Policy 561 “Administering Medications”

The board reviewed the above policies. After the discussion, Vice-Chairman Lau made a motion to approve as 1st reading policy 205 and policy 561. The motion was seconded by Trustee Torgesen. By a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Superintendent & Chairman Report: None

11. Continuous Improvement Plan: None

12. Adjournment. The board discussed the date of the next meeting. It was decided to meet on September 14th rather than September 28th. With no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm.