**St. Helens School District #502**

**Board of Directors Work Session Minutes**

**September 9, 2020**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, per ORS 192.670 on September 9, 2020. This public meeting was observable at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0E6kANkerI&feature=youtu.be>. Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to so by emailing the Board of Directors at: [sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us](mailto:sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us). Members of the community interested in addressing the Board during the meeting were invited to email a summary of the topic and request the Zoom meeting link prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, September 9, 2020

**PRESENT**

Those present were: Not Present:

Trinity Monahan, Board Chair

Ryan Scholl, Vice Chair

Bill Amos, Board Member

Kellie Smith, Board Member

Melody Killens, Board Member

Jessica Seay, Business Manager

Scot Stockwell, Superintendent

Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Monahan called the School Board Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried with “aye” votes from Bill Amos, Ryan Scholl, Trinity Monahan and Kellie Smith. Melody Killens was present but the audio was disabled on her device at the time of the vote.

**VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

* None presented

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve the consent agenda carried with “aye” votes from Bill Amos, Ryan Scholl, Trinity Monahan and Kellie Smith. Melody Killens was present but the audio was disabled on her device at the time of the vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* A team from Soderstrom Architects presented an update regarding the work accomplished to date in the planning process for the SHHS remodel project. They reported that work groups from the high school have met to present ideas and note department needs and have provided valuable feedback.
* Trinity Monahan noted that Board members received updates recommended by OSBA for four policies to include:
* GBEB – Communicable Diseases – Staff
* GBN/JBA – Sexual Harassment
* JBA/GBN – Sexual Harassment
* JHCC – Communicable Diseases – Students

Members confirmed they had read the policies. There were no additional comments or questions raised.

* Jessica Seay referred to the Agreement for Consultant Services sent to the Board prior to the meeting which outlines the services that will be provided by Cornerstone Management Group, Inc. during the construction project at SHHS if approved by the Board today. Members reviewed the agreement in advance and did not have any questions or comments about the proposed services or the agreement.
* Trinity Monahan opened a discussion about developing and adopting a District resolution about racism. Members agreed that they wanted to generate a meaningful document that reflect the District values, and is actionable. Superintendent Stockwell noted that Ben Bruhn and Catherine Contreras, SHSD teachers, have spearheaded an Equity Team, and that many staff members have joined. Members agreed that the next step in the process of developing a resolution should be to obtain the input of the Equity Team, then invite them to a Board meeting to share their ideas.
* Superintendent Stockwell reported that the District has submitted applications to both Verizon and Comcast for programs that will allow the District to purchase internet service for students needing that assistance.
* Superintendent Stockwell noted that the District partnered with the Northwest Regional Education Services District (NWRESD) over the summer to identify a robust affordable online curricular resource. Acellus, a program used in many states including Hawaii, was selected for this purpose. Approximately two weeks ago, it was brought to the attention of the District that the Hawaii Department of Education announced to families that some content was concerning. The NWRESD conducted an audit of the program in response, and identified implicit bias throughout many of the lessons. In light of that new information, he District is currently in the process of locating a suitable replacement for Acellus. Until one is located, we will continue to utilize Acellus.

**ACTION ITEMS**

* Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve CMORS with Cornerstone Management Group. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously.
* Bill Amos entered a motion to adopt the 2020-21 Community Calendar. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to adopt the calendar carried unanimously.

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| **Item#** | **Motion** | **Board Member** | **Yes** | **No** | **Notes** |
| 7.1 |  | Bill Amos | X |  |  |
| 7.1 | Seconded the motion | Melody Killens | X |  |  |
| 7.1 |  | Ryan Scholl | X |  |  |
| 7.1 |  | Trinity Monahan | X |  |  |
| 7.1 | Entered a motion to approve | Kellie Smith | X |  |  |

Members discussed whether to meet for a Board Planning Session on September 16th. They agreed to remove that tentative meeting from the schedule and next meet on September 23rd.

**UPCOMING MEETING INPUT**

September 23, 2020 – Board Meeting

**ADJOURMENT**

Chair Monahan adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 8:46 p.m.

 

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Trinity Monahan, Board ChairScot Stockwell, Superintendent