

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 26, 2022**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 26, 2022. This public meeting was observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5_PVI2xxR8i03UW4WGszcg.

Members of the community interested in addressing the Board were invited to do so during the meeting or by emailing the Board of Directors at: sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us with a summary of the topic they wish to address and to request prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, then a Zoom meeting link would be provided.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Melody Killens, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Vice Chair
Trinity Monahan, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Colton Freeman, Student Board Representative
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Jessica Seay, Director of Fiscal Services
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Ryan Scholl, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Killens called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Trinity Monahan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried with “aye” votes from Melody Killens, Kellie Smith, Bill Amos and Trinity Monahan. Ryan Scholl was not present.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the Board were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the consent agenda with the following amendment: remove policies CB and JHC to be discussed at a future meeting. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to approve the amended consent agenda carried with “aye” votes from Melody Killens, Kellie Smith, Bill Amos and Trinity Monahan. Ryan Scholl was not present.

NEW BUSINESS

- Emelia Watkins, SHHS ASB Public Relations Representative, provided the Board with an update about the events and activities taking place at SHHS. She reported that there was a welcome back dance, a 7-Mile War Centennial football game and donation drive, and a Think Pink drive to raise funds for Michelle’s Love. The

Leadership Team helped their fellow students get registered to vote, and the SHHS Band and Guard participated in their last competition of the season. and the oath.

- The District Principals informed members about the work, activities and planning taking place at each school:
 - Roger Fink reported that at McBride Elementary:
 - The fourth-grade classes enjoyed a fun field trip.
 - The Kinder classes were able to successfully pivot from a pumpkin patch event to an indoor pumpkin celebration due to the air quality issues.
 - The PTO and other volunteers helped the Super Hero Fun Run fundraiser run well, and over \$9,000 has been raised.
 - The team is focused on classroom instruction that will help students after the time lost due to COVID.
 - Martine Barnett reported that at Lewis & Clark Elementary:
 - She and the other two elementary principals conducted classroom rounds together at all three buildings to calibrate feedback and align instructional practices across the District.
 - They are adjusting lunch recess to take place before the meal, and have made changes to the cafeteria to create a calm, quiet atmosphere.
 - The team is focusing on collaborative planning between Student Services and general instruction teams to provide resources for all students.
 - Jennifer Vanderschuere reported that at Columbia City Elementary:
 - The new cafeteria tables have caused an increase in student talking, and they will be implementing some of the ideas in place at L&C.
 - Plymouth HS students have been coming to help with lunch and recess. They model behavior, conversation and introduce games to the students.
 - Teachers have jumped into their EL models which is literacy-based instruction which is focused on literacy skills and citizenship.
 - A focus is being placed on assessments for learning, specifically student-centered assessment.
 - Dani Boylan reported that in the Early Learning Programs:
 - There is a focus on making classrooms more play-based with a purpose.
 - The Otter Pups had a fun pumpkin family celebration.
 - Via a grant from the Children's Institute, six staff members will attend a national conference for professional development next month.
 - Superintendent Stockwell reported in Cris Gwilliam's absence that at SHMS:
 - Several after school Clubs and Activities have been running successfully, and meeting the needs of diverse students.
 - Lunches have been supervised by the Dean of Students and have been running in a calm and organized manner. Students are able to earn pride tickets for behaving responsibly.
 - There are focus lessons being offered to all students via virtual instruction about bias and racist language, self-regulation and Halloween dress up rules.
 - Dr. Katy Wagner reported that at SHHS:

- A survey was conducted to obtain feedback about student learning and climate at the high school and positive results were received.
 - Teachers looked at the data together and created instructional goals, accordingly.
- Ron Hernley reported that at Plymouth High School:
 - They have had a successful start to the school year. He acknowledged the excellent work of Madeline Goodwin and the whole Plymouth staff.
 - He has been conducting many meetings with parents to develop relationships and set students up for success.
- Melissa Newhard, Restorative Practices Coordinator at SHHS, described her work with students at the high school and the effort being made to create a restorative, rather than punitive, school environment. Ms. Newhard provided evidence of the positive outcomes that result from these practices, and described the way they are being implemented at SHHS. She invited students Mackenzie Pena and Yocelin Ramirez to describe a situation they faced and the positive way in which the restorative practices implemented helped them resolve that situation.
- Matt Doyle, Director of Academic Programs, provided members with information about the process and policy for Concurrent Enrollment. This new plan will allow SHHS, PHS and SHVA students, when staffing and space allow, to access courses across campuses. Students wishing to take courses at another campus will fill out a paper application in the spring, allowing staff to build the master schedule with those requests in mind. If classes are full, students can be placed on a waitlist. He noted that there are some challenges remaining, but the team has come up with some potential solutions.
- Superintendent Stockwell reopened the discussion about renting the Chiles Center for the 2023 SHHS graduation ceremony. The Board talked about some pros and cons, and Emelia Watkins and Colton Freemam offered to talk to the rest of the SHHS Leadership Team about obtaining input from fellow seniors. Keith Meeuwsen offered to work with Mr. Phillips to survey the seniors in their classes, which would include nearly all seniors. Superintendent Stockwell reported that he will meet with the HS administrators to relay the comments the Board has made and to gather their input.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the results of the 2021-22 Division 22 Report. This annual report, required by state law, includes all categories of compliance with public school standards and is completed by the Superintendent. He noted that the SHSD is in compliance with 58 of the 59 categories, the exception being: Instructional Materials Adoption. He reported that there was a delay in the ELA adoption caused by the pandemic, but that the District is positioned to adopt this year, and on track for the math adoption in 2023.

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UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

November 16, 2022 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

- OSBA Elections

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.


Melody Killens, Board Chair
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent