

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
December 14, 2022**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on December 14, 2022 in the District Office Board Room in Columbia County, Oregon. This public meeting was additionally observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ixJ3LTZ8TRiUa2WRWJeBTw.

Members of the community interested in addressing the Board were invited to do so in-person during the meeting, or virtually by emailing the Board of Directors prior to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at: sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us with a summary of the topic they wish to address.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Melody Killens, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Vice Chair
Trinity Monahan, Board Member
Ryan Scholl, 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:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Killens called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Bill Amos moved to approve the agenda as presented. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Paul Hayduk asked Superintendent Stockwell:
 - Did anyone track and respond to the input from the community during the informal public scoping meetings conducted prior to the COVID closures?
 - How much federal COVID relief did the District receive?
 - How much funding has the District applied towards college/career planning?Mr. Hayduk requested that Superintendent Stockwell presents that information to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was stated and seconded. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

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 a successful blood drive, band holiday bazaar, and Giving Tree project were held, the first week of December, and several band and choir events. Students enjoyed a fun Winter Spirit Week this week, and the Winter Ball will follow on January 28th.
- The District Principals informed members about the work, activities and planning taking place at each school:
 - Dani Boylan reported that in the Childhood Education Programs:
 - All of the staff positions have now been filled.
 - The Children's Institute paid for six staff members to travel to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAYC) Conference in Nashville, where they received some valuable training.
 - There is continued effort being made on their Spark Provider star rating at each of their locations.
 - Roger Fink reported that at McBride Elementary:
 - The team was pleased to have a 90% attendance rate for parent-teacher conferences last month.
 - Students are making terrific progress in reading, per the school data, but there is still a need for improvement. In a recent coffee and chat event, parents made it know that they would appreciate learning some of the teaching strategies being used at school so they can implement them at home. Sessions are being arranged for parents of Kinder and 1st grade students in the McBride library, for that purpose.
 - They are facing an attendance challenge due to illness.
 - Martine Barnett reported that at Lewis & Clark Elementary:
 - The team has begun launching Conscious Discipline on a schoolwide basis. The approach helps foster community and belonging.
 - Teachers are jumping back into quality assessment practices, which was work they started prior to the COVID interruption.
 - They continue to be impacted by the sub shortage. There are classified staff members that have obtained emergency teaching licenses and everyone is pitching in, but some proactive supports are left without coverage.
 - Cris Gwilliam reported that at SHMS:
 - Both counselors recently received valuable training regarding Sexual Incident Response, Threat Assessment and AVID practices.
 - They are in the middle of a successful Spirit Week leading up to the holiday break, and will wrap up with a Spirit Assembly on Friday.
 - The Professional Learning Teams (PLT's) are working on:
 - Choosing priority standards for each course
 - Creating Standard Alignment Plans
 - Creating the foundation for a T2 academic intervention system for all students
 - Response To Intervention (RTI) strategies are being implemented. A team recently obtained training at a national conference.
 - Ted Hirning reported that at SHHS:
 - A teaching team attended the national RTI conference in Pasadena last week, and the feedback and resulting planning was very good.

- Two teachers attended the AVID national conference last week and are sharing some systems with fellow staff.
 - The SHHS band and winter sports team are having a successful start to their season.
 - Mr. Hirning suggested everyone go and see first hand the excellent work being done by the Remodel and Renovation class.
 - SHHS staff are working on the ongoing collaboration with community mental health providers.
 - Jennifer Vanderschuere, along with a team of staff and students, reported that at Columbia City Elementary:
 - The EL Education model is being used to work on Culture & Character; Student Focused Learning. They reported that the EL Core Practices include:
 - Create a community of learners
 - Foster the habits of character
 - Develop a school culture and crew
- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students described the development of and work that takes place in the school crews, and the ways that is supporting a culture of belonging. The program is service oriented, and places a focus on personal responsibility and ethics. Some of the indicators that the program is successful include:
- EL Education students are more likely to say that their teachers care about them.
 - EL Education students understand concepts like “respect” and “empathy” differently than their peers-with more complexity, connection to action and acceptance of difference.
 - EL Education teachers experience a more positive school culture and climate and they bring this positive culture into their classrooms.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that he and Kellie Smith met to review policies CB-Superintendent, and JHC-Student Health Services, which Ms. Smith requested be removed from the agenda in November pending additional review. They determined that the recommendations made by OSBA for policy CB would remain in place, and no other members had requested any edits. They decided that some of the recommended language in policy JHC was inflammatory and worked together to change the undesired language. The policy, as amended by the Board today, is posted on the District website.
 - Superintendent Stockwell introduced sample policy JFCHA-Use of Alcohol for Cooking. He explained that the teacher of the Culinary Arts courses at SHHS has occasional need for alcohol for an ingredient in a recipe, and that many safe guards were in place so that it would be available only for that use.
 - Jessica Seay, Director of Fiscal Services, addressed the proposed 2023-24 Budget Calendar. The calendar was provided to members prior to the meeting, and there were no comments or questions.
 - Jessica Seay reported that there are three (3) vacancies on the District Budget Committee. Applications will be accepted until February 3rd. Applicants must be 18 years of age and a resident of the District. Trinity Monahan asked whether a current student meeting those requirements could apply. Jessica Seay will revisit the board

policy and get that information to the board. Trinity Monahan encouraged the community to take advantage of this volunteer opportunity that supports students.

- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the current enrollment numbers in the District, and noted that there has been a slight increase since last year.
- Superintendent Stockwell provided an update about the District curriculum adoption. He noted that if the Board votes tonight to approve the purchase of the ELA/ELP curriculum that was provided in advance of the meeting, that will happen in the near future. That purchase was scheduled to happen last year, but was delayed due to staffing issues. The adoption committee includes teachers from all levels, and they make selections keeping in mind academic standards and the following guiding question: How do we assure that all children have access to quality literacy instruction? Experts are consulted regarding current best teaching practices, and the CEL Instructional Framework used as a parameter. The ELA curriculum recommendations are:

- K-2: McGraw-Hill Wonders 2020
- 3-5: McGraw-Hill Wonders 2020
- 6-8: Open-Up Resources EL Education
- 9-12 Newsela

The Curriculum Adoption Committee for math will begin to meet in January, and plan to make an adoption prior to the summer break.

- Superintendent Stockwell reported that on December 27th, the trusses will be set into place at SHHS. Due to inflation and the supply-related delays, additional funds will be needed to include the originally planned updates to:
 - the HVAC system throughout the building
 - CTE Programs
 - the parking lots
 - the auditorium
 - the sports fields

He noted that the District could take funds from the general fund, take out a loan, or consider a bond in May. It is a likelihood that there are state funds to match up to \$4 million, if a bond is passed. Colton Freeman asked which CTE programs would be cut. Superintendent Stockwell clarified that nothing would be cut, but without the additional funds, it wouldn't be possible to add classrooms for the auto program, update the kitchen for the Culinary Program, add the CPA classes, or a shed for the woodshop, as some examples.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No requests to address the board were received.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve policies CB-Superintendent, and JHC-Student Health Services. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously.

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

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to combine and approve agenda items 7.2 (2023 Budget Committee Calendar) and 7.3 (Declaration of Budget Committee Vacancies). Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.2, 7.3		Bill Amos	X		
7.2, 7.3		Melody Killens	X		
7.2, 7.3		Ryan Scholl	X		
7.2, 7.3	Seconded the motion	Trinity Monahan	X		
7.2, 7.3	Entered a motion	Kellie Smith	X		

- Ryan Scholl entered a motion to approve the ELA Resource Adoption. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously.

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

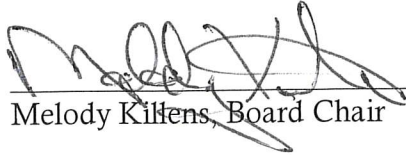
UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

December 21, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.


- Special Meeting of the LCRB

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.



Melody Killens, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent