

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
January 25, 2023**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, per ORS 192.670 on January 25, 2023. This public meeting was observable at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBUImhtE6xo&feature=youtu.be>.

Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to do so 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 the Zoom meeting link prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

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 6:00 p.m. Colton Freeman asked to add an item to the agenda:

- 6.3 SHHS Yearbooks

Bill Amos moved to approve the agenda as amended. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

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 as presented. Ryan Scholl 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 that the leadership team presented the Columbia Pacific food bank with the

donations raised by the 7 Mile Ward and other fundraisers, and got to tour the new facility. Students enjoyed dress up days for Winter Ball Spirit Week this week, and the dance will be held at Columbia City Elementary on January 28th.

- The District Principals and Directors informed members about the work, activities and planning taking place at each school:
 - Cris Gwilliam reported that at SHMS:
 - Response To Intervention (RTI) strategies are increasingly being implemented. This is a systematic intervention for learning approach, and will be utilized in all three grades. Eight teachers have now received RTI training and there are plans in place for others to do so soon. The team is working on narrowing their essential standards, then will develop schedules for students to get academic help
 - Cris thanked Bill Amos for his service to students and the District, and presented him with appreciation gifts from SHMS.
 - Ron Hernley reported that at Plymouth HS:
 - There are ongoing efforts to change the culture. Ron is meeting with students and parents, and a focus on relationship building continues.
 - Ron thanked Kellie Smith for her service to the District and the community, and presented her with appreciation gifts from PHS.
 - Dr. Katy Wagner reported that at SHHS:
 - Spring forecasting will begin mid-February.
 - The Rising Lions event, welcoming incoming 9th grade students and their families, will take place on February 21st. The following day, they will send a team to the MS to present additional information about the electives available at SHHS.
 - A focus is being placed on student engagement, a domain in the 5D+ instructional framework that was adopted on a district-wide basis. The HS team is working on lesson plans using AVID strategies.
 - Staff from a variety of departments have received RTI @ Work training, and we are developing intervention strategies for students who may need them.
 - Two Saturday Intercessions have been made available to students that need extra time and/or help with second quarter work prior to grading.
 - Dr. Wagner thanked the Board for their service.
 - Martin Hehman and Brooke Vilante reported that at Lewis & Clark Elementary:
 - They have stepped in on an interim basis to support the building in Ms. Barnett's absence. They expressed their appreciation for the work the L&C staff is doing and the care and strength they have exhibited.
 - They are continuing with Ms. Barnett's guidance and planning to develop a leadership team that will take point on the RTI work in the building.
 - They thanked Trinity Monahan for his service, and presented him with appreciation gifts from Lewis & Clark.
 - Roger Fink reported that at McBride Elementary:
 - They continue to face challenges due to the sub shortage. They were missing 10 staff members today. Both L&C and the HS sent staff to help fill in, and the district-wide collaboration was deeply appreciated.

- McBride will welcome parents to our school soon for “The Mouse & the Motorcycle” event. It will be a carnival and book fair, and Mrs. Sumsion arranged for each student to receive a book.
 - 5th grade students from all three elementary schools will enjoy an all-day Biz Town field trip in March.
 - Roger thanked Melody Killens for her service, and presented her with appreciation gifts from McBride.
- Jennifer Vanderschuere, reported that at Columbia City Elementary:
 - A playground committee of students, staff and parents has been formed, and a couple of meetings have taken place to plan for the new structures.
 - The Talented and Gifted (TAG) teaching team has been focused on developing a more robust program for their students.
 - We are really digging into test data and empathy interview results to assess areas of success and where there is room to improve.
 - Ms. Vanderschuere thanked Trinity Monahan for his service, and presented him with gifts of appreciation from Columbia City Elementary.
- Dani Boylan reported that in the Early Childhood Education Programs:
 - The staff has worked together to fill unexpected absences and have really stepped up to keep the program running smoothly and well.
 - The first family event of the year was last night and there was a really great turnout. Students and their families created snowmen at home out of any material of their choosing, and brought them to display, in addition to enjoying crafts and sensory stations onsite.
 - There is a continued focus on play-based inquiry PD for staff, and they have a field trip scheduled to observe a play-based program at another school.
- Superintendent Stockwell thanked Colton Freeman for his service on the Board as the first Student Board Representative. He acknowledged Colton’s great work, and presented him with a gift of appreciation.
- Colton Freeman reported that his graduating class of 2023 has not received a year book since their 8th grade year. He spoke first with the Student Council, and has observed an uptick in inquiries from students and parents about the matter. Superintendent Stockwell noted that he had just recently become aware of the situation, and would investigate. Members talked about ideas for helping with getting this year’s project done, including utilizing parent and community help, and ideas about signing parties for classes that have graduated without having that opportunity. Trinity Monahan suggested the District provide refunds for anyone who purchased yearbooks and have not received them, and Jessica Seay reported that refunds have been issued upon request.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that there is a new requirement for public bodies to file a Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, and that a point of contact is required, called a Jurisdictional Contact (JC). Jessica Seay has offered to serve in that role for the District, and Superintendent Stockwell suggested the Board appoint her today, accordingly.
- Superintendent Stockwell revisited the request by the Elementary staff to have four (4) calendar days during the remainder of the school year to prepare and train, without students in attendance. He introduced four proposals for date choices, and

members discussed continuity of learning, convenience to families, and the factors that would provide the most gain for staff. The Board agreed to allow the four days for that purpose, as follows:

- February 21
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3

Trinity Monahan suggested that the elementary teams provide feedback that points to outcomes following the first two days, and members agreed.

- Superintendent Stockwell provided members with an update about the SHHS renovation project. He reported that the global supply chain changes have impacted the project, as they have individuals and businesses. He reviewed the planning phases of the renovation project, and how those have been adjusted, in stages, due to supply delays and increased costs. He provided a list of renovation costs for the original project list, and the current list which was adjusted for due to increased costs. He reflected that the current list is missing some items that the community found to be important at the onset of the project, such as re-paving the parking lots, updating the HVAC, updating the locker rooms and auditorium, new turf fields, etc. He presented some information about a grant opportunity he would like the Board to consider: the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) Program. This program provides matching grants to districts that pass a local general obligation bond, and provide up to \$4 million for districts, according to ODE priority parameters. Superintendent Stockwell communicated that the community has an opportunity to take advantage of that funding, as SHSD has been placed on the program "First in Time" list. He expressed that after our community generously demonstrated their support for students by passing the former bonds, it was his wish never to have to propose another. However, due to the inflation challenges, he thinks that a general obligation bond that would not increase levy rates or extend the duration of the bond and would allow the features at the HS that the community asked for, is the best decision. He confirmed that levying a bond in the amount of \$4 million would allow the District to double the amount by obtaining the matching OSCIM grant funds. Members agreed at the meeting on January 11 that moving forward with this bond option is the best thing for the District, so today Superintendent Stockwell is presenting Resolution 2022-23 #10 – Resolution to Call Bond Election. Members reiterated their support for this bond, as did leadership members from the St. Helens Education Association.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No requests to address the board were received.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-23 #10 – RESOLUTION TO CALL BOND ELECTION. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to approve the resolution carried unanimously.

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

Superintendent Stockwell read the Board Appreciation Proclamation, and thanked the Board for their excellent service.

Superintendent Stockwell suggested the following amendment be made to the agenda: add item: 8.4 Designate Jessica Seay District Jurisdictional Contact

- Trinity Monahan entered a motion to amend the 2022-23 calendar for elementary staff to include four days to train and preparation as follows:
 - February 21
 - March 1
 - April 5
 - May 3

Bill Amos seconded; the motion to so amend the calendar carried unanimously.

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

- Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the agenda by adding item: 8.4 Designate Jessica Seay District Jurisdictional Contact. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to so amend the agenda carried unanimously.
- Kellie Smith entered a motion to designate Jessica Seay District Jurisdictional Contact (JC). Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to designate carried unanimously.

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

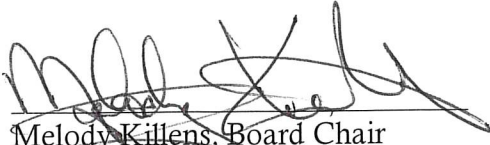
UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

February 8, 2023 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

- Appointing/Interviewing Budget Committee Members

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.



Melody Killens, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent