

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
February 8, 2023**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office board Room of the District, County and State, and via Zoom, on February 8, 2023. This meeting was open to the public as well as observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x6SvhDMbTP2dkvggruPlzw.

Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to do so during the portions of the meeting designated for comments by visitors, or, if they wished to address the Board via Zoom, by emailing the Board of Directors prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at: sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us with their topic of discussion.

PRESENT

Those present were:

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

Not Present:

Trinity Monahan, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

Melody Killens 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 unanimously with the members in attendance.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the Board were received.

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 unanimously with the members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed feedback received from the Strategic Plan surveys when students, staff and community members were asked:

- What is the school district doing well?
- What is the most important change, addition, improvement or adjustment needed?
- What are some core values and beliefs you think should be represented in the District's new strategic plan?
- How can the District better serve all students?
- How can the District better connect with our community?
- What else would you like to suggest?

Superintendent Stockwell provided written copies of all responses received, but focused the discussion towards the items that would impact the budget, for the purpose of setting priorities. Some of those included:

- Continue to grow the CTE programs at the HS
 - Continue to serve families during the summer
 - Keep improving facilities maintenance
 - Increased post-secondary guidance for students at SHHS
 - Continue to eliminate sports fees
 - New playground equipment at Columbia City Elementary
 - More college credit classes with the option to graduate with an AA degree
 - New and upgraded facilities
 - Add a coordinator in each school to meet with students and families and find out their individual needs and direct them to available resources and connect them with people in the community.
 - Foster an atmosphere of love and equality
 - Increase partnerships with Parks and Recreation
 - Offer more access to school programs even if it means charging more fees to participate
 - Be future oriented with the District budget
 - Increase events where families can come and watch their students in action
 - Increase the public use of our facilities by reducing fees so more people can use them
- Superintendent Stockwell invited the principals to present the Board with budget priorities for their buildings.
 - Cris Gwilliam reported that priorities at SHMS include:
 - Add an Instructional Assistant that serves as a Campus Monitor to create an increased adult presence (specifically for the 3 lunches, passing times and restroom use).
 - Create a position, for a current employee that excels with social emotional supports and tier 1 classroom interventions, that would allow them to leave their class for several periods a day to conduct peer coaching, classroom visits etc.
 - Support and PD for the SpEd staff. Working towards increased collaboration with SpEd and Gen Ed teaching staff, and to increase the time students with IEP's spend in Gen Ed classrooms.

- Better dissemination of information about Early College High School, including to incoming 9th grade students
- More staff consistency with the use of Canvas and ParentVue for grading
- The SHHS completing/releasing yearbooks
- Superintendent Stockwell provided graduation rates for SHHS and PHS for the last two years. There was an increased rate for all student groups with the exception of the Hispanic/Latinx students. Superintendent Stockwell noted that this was concerning information, and supporting these students will be a focus going forward. Kellie Smith asked for current on-track to graduate rates for 9th and 10th grade students.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the Board were received.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to appoint Heidi Clark in Budget Committee Position #4. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to appoint carried unanimously with the members in attendance.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.1		Bill Amos	X		
7.1		Melody Killens	X		
7.1	Seconded the motion	Ryan Scholl	X		
7.1		Trinity Monahan			Not present
7.1	Entered a motion	Kellie Smith	X		

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-23 #11 Supplemental Budget No. 1 General Fund. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to approve the resolution carried unanimously with the members in attendance.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.2	Seconded the motion	Bill Amos	X		
7.2		Melody Killens	X		
7.2		Ryan Scholl	X		
7.2		Trinity Monahan			Not present
7.2	Entered a motion	Kellie Smith	X		

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-23 #12 Supplemental Budget No. 2 Special Revenue. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve the resolution carried unanimously with the members in attendance.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.3		Bill Amos	X		
7.3		Melody Killens	X		
7.3	Seconded the motion	Ryan Scholl	X		
7.3		Trinity Monahan			Not present
7.3	Entered a motion	Kellie Smith	X		


UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

February 22, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

- 2023-24 NWRESD Local Service Plan

ADJOURMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the Board Work Session at 8:38 p.m.


Melody Killens, Board Chair


Scot Stockwell, Superintendent

