

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
April 26, 2023**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 26, 2023 in the District Office Board Room in Columbia County, Oregon. This public meeting was also observable at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=na6ghe0fP2I&feature=youtu.be>.

Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to do so either in person, 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 the Zoom meeting link prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, April 26, 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 6:30 p.m. Bill Amos moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Chair Killens presented SHHS staff member Carmen Rice with the award, and thanked her for the life-saving measures she took to save a student in distress.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No requests were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trinity Monahan 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, including:
 - 2023-24 ASB Election
 - A successful Spring Blood Drive
 - A school-wide egg hunt
 - The addition of a “Senior Next Steps” wall to honor National Decision Day on May 1st
- Events coming soon include:
 - An ASB Scavenger Hunt on May 13th
- The District Principals and Directors informed members about the work, activities and planning taking place at each school:
 - Roger Fink reported that at all three elementary schools:
 - They are digging into the RTI work, and continue to provide training for staff. There is a multi-year plan in place.
 - The Conscious Discipline training has been well-received and there is good work happening to improve the Social-Emotional learning of all elementary students.
 - The Kindergarten Welcome event will take place on May 14th. Students will get to tour their new schools, take a bus ride and other fun activities.
 - Mr. Fink thanked the Board for approving the four prep days for elementary staff.
 - All three teams are continuing to try and fill staff vacancies.
 - Roger Fink, on behalf of Dani Boylan, Director of Early Learning, reported that:
 - The Kindergarten Welcome event will take place on May 14th. Students will get to tour their new schools, take a bus ride and other fun activities.
 - Teachers will attend an Early Learning conference in Bend this weekend and continue to improve practice.
 - The team is working on identifying funding for a Kindergarten camp.
 - Cris Gwilliam reported that at SHMS:
 - There are 92 students out for track this year, and we have very skilled coaches working with them.
 - There was a new event at the MS this year: “5th Grade Fly-Up. MS teachers and counselors visited 5th grade students in the elementary buildings, including those at Arthur Academy. They told them about the MS and helped them forecast classes for next year. On June 2nd, they will visit the MS and run through a short schedule to practice passing and meet teachers.
 - The MS team is working on improving the statewide assessment process. There was a strong opt-out culture in place this year, including some disruption, refusal etc. There is a plan in place to get more information to students and families ahead of the state math assessment.

- Dr. Katy Wagner reported that at SHHS:
 - Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici visited to tour the CTE classes. The team had an opportunity to interface with her regarding the Mental Health for Educators Act, which she sponsored.
 - A group of Hispanic and Latinx students attended the César Chávez Leadership Conference at Western Oregon University.
 - The Marine Biology class will take a field trip this week.
 - The choir is leaving for a performance tour in San Francisco in two days.
 - The baseball team spent Spring Break in Arizona for a baseball camp.
 - Band and choir are competing in state competitions in the next couple of weeks.
 - REAP took a group of students to PCC for a college tour.
 - A group of female leadership students attended a Women of Purpose Conference.
 - Diesel Day is coming up so students have an opportunity to explore those careers.
 - Students will attend the Columbia County Career Fair at OMIC tomorrow.
 - Six SHHS students placed at the Skills USA competition.
 - SHHS will welcome a new Social Worker next month.
 - They are facing some challenges to spring sports due to weather.
- Ron Hernley reported that at Plymouth HS:
 - Their team continues to work on fostering a culture of belonging and growth.
 - There was a new student orientation last Thursday, and PHS will have 14 new students this quarter.
 - They have rolled out a “6 P’s” campaign that includes: Prompt, Prepared, Positive Mental Attitude, Polite, Participation, Produce.
 - 25 students attended the PCC tour with a REAP representative, and there was a lot of positive feedback.
- Lisa Tyler, Brooke Vilante and Martin Hehman of the Teaching and Learning Department outlined the work they have done with the Math Curriculum Adoption team to select materials for the upcoming District wide adoption. They outlined the Professional Development (PD) for staff that will accompany the new curriculum. They shared the essential question that shaped their work “How do we build a shared belief that the primary responsibility of each teacher in St. Helens is to ensure all students receive equitable access from a guaranteed and viable curriculum?” They reviewed the mapping process and provided the Board with sample projects taking place in classrooms. They outlined the work done by the adoption team and the choices made by grade level:
 - Elementary: envision
 - Middle School: EdGems
 - High School: enVision Integrated
- Colton Freeman presented some recommendations to the Board about his successor in the role of Student Representative to the Board. The Board made some observations and suggestions, and thanked Colton for his excellent work on the project.

- Melody Killens listed the policies currently under review by the Board:
 - EHB - Cybersecurity
 - GCBDF/GDBDF – Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance
 - IGBHD – Program Exemptions
 - JGE – Expulsion
 - KL – Public Complaints

The Board received the policies prior to the meeting, and agreed to discuss them at the next meeting. It was noted that the policies have been posted on the web site for review by the community.

- Jessica Seay reported that there were two new applicants to the Budget Committee: Wyatt Mattinen, and Colton Freeman, both SHHS seniors. They each summarized their reason for volunteering in this capacity, and the Board thanked them for their willingness. Due to their plans to attend college in the fall, they each are available to serve one year of the three-year term.
- Jessica Seay reported that Melody Killens has requested a slight change to the 2023-24 Budget Calendar; a change from 6:30 to 5:30 for the start of the Third Budget Meeting on June 7th, if that meeting is deemed necessary. There were no questions or comments.
- Superintendent Stockwell read the Licensed Employee Appreciation Week Declaration.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that as long as there are no more days skipped due to snow, we have provided an adequate number of instructional hours for students, and we do not need to add days to the end of the school year calendar, pending the Board's vote at a future meeting. Members asked Superintendent to bring to the next meeting the specific in-seat hours for the year and the precise number missed due to weather.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that ballots should be arriving to community members this week, and, therefore, voting regarding the \$4 million bond will begin. He reviewed the building project progress to date, and the opportunity afforded by the OSCIM matching grant. He explained that the community has experienced growth, so passing the bond will not result in increased taxes for home owners, and encouraged listeners to remember to vote on May 16th.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No requests to address the board were received.

ACTION ITEMS

- Bill Amos entered a motion to appoint Colton Freeman and Wyatt Mattinen to one-year terms in positions #1 and #2 on the Budget Committee. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to so appoint carried unanimously.

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

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the revised 2023-24 Budget Calendar. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion approve the calendar carried unanimously.

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

- Trinity Monahan entered a motion to declare the week of May 8th Licensed Employee Appreciation Week. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the agenda by adding item:

8.4 Approve Proposed K-12 Math Curriculum Adoption

Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to so amend the agenda was agreed upon by consensus.

- Bill Amos entered a motion to adopt the proposed K-12 Math Curriculum as presented:
 - Elementary: enVision
 - Middle School: EdGems
 - High School: enVision Integrated

Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to adopt carried unanimously.


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

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

May 10, 2023 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.


Melody Killens, Board Chair
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent