St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
October 13, 2021

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, per ORS 192.670 on October 13, 2021. This public meeting was observable at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKOZ-yiRm6A. Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to so by emailing the Board of Directors at: sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us. Members of the community interested in addressing the Board during the meeting were additionally invited to email a summary of the topic and request the Zoom meeting link prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

PRESENT

Those present were:
Ryan Scholl, Board Chair
Melody Killens, Vice Chair
Bill Amos, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Trinity Monahan, Board Member
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Not Present:
Trinity Monahan, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scholl called the School Board Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Melody Killens entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried with "aye" votes from Kellie Smith, Melody Killens and Ryan Scholl. Bill Amos had not yet joined the meeting.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Jaime Smith addressed members to express her concern about the recent school pauses and whether the exposures warranted them.

CONSENT AGENDA

Melody Killens entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve the consent agenda carried with "aye" votes from Kellie Smith, Melody Killens, Bill Amos and Ryan Scholl.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rick Rainone from Cornerstone Management provided members with an update regarding the SHHS renovation project. He reported that the portable classrooms are all in place and all technology systems installed for the start of the school year. We had a punch list from the city to complete prior to obtaining clearance for complete occupancy, and that list has now been finished. Through Hoffman Construction, we have now begun to receive bids for work on the project, the demolition will be the first part of the project that will be visible to the community. The permits for demolition have been granted. There were no questions or comments.
- Rick Rainone explained the Oregon Public Contracting Rules, and that there are occasions when moving outside of those allows the builder to get the best equipment or systems in place on a project. A document was presented to the Board in advance listing the review of findings for those special procurements and exceptions from the competitive bidding process. He would like the Board, in their role as the Local Contract Review Board (LCRB) to vote to authorize the selection of these systems later in this meeting. The list of these systems was also posted on the District webpage in advance of the meeting.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that the district has had 33 confirmed or presumptive student COVID cases since the start of the school year. He noted that the time and staff required to contact trace is a greater challenge than the number of students with the virus. The Public Health team is overwhelmed with demand for contract tracing in the county, so the contact tracing related to students and is largely left to the District. Neither the State nor Public Health has provided a matrix for schools in terms of when to stay open or close, so that decision was made in each case when case numbers were reported to them by the District and they strongly suggested the schools were placed on pause in response. The Board discussed some instances of quarantining and Kellie Smith expressed her concern about how much instruction time some student athletes have missed, though they had negative tests.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that as the Oregon statewide mandatory educator vaccination deadline approaches on October 18th, there have been 37 exceptions filed by staff, 15 abstentions and one staff member who will take leave. The exceptions have been approved by the District, and those staff members will be required to take weekly COVID tests, submit daily symptoms checks and wear a mask.
- Superintendent Stockwell provided current student enrollment numbers, and reported that we have 180 more students enrolled than we did this time last year. There are 2,894 students enrolled at this time.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

ACTION ITEMS

- Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the Sole Source items for the SHHS Renovation Project. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve use of the items carried unanimously with members whom were present.

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

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

Members discussed whether there was cause to meet for a planning session on October 20 and determined that there was not. The Board will meet again on October 27 for a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Chair Scholl adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Ryan Scholl, Board Chair

Scot Stockwell, Superintendent