St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
January 12, 2022

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 January 12, 2022. This public meeting was observable at https://youtu.be/uHzso1cUv5E. 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, January 12, 2022.

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:
Jessica Seay, Business Manager

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

Trinity Monahan 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, Bill Amos, Trinity Monahan and Ryan Scholl. Melody Killens had not yet joined the meeting.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No visitors were present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Skylar Carlson, captain of the SHHS Robotics Team, addressed the Board regarding fees for the program. She described the program and the many benefits for the students involved. Ms. Carlson reported that the group has always tried to eliminate the "pay wall" that might prohibit some students from participating, but that due to COVID, those fundraising efforts have been greatly curtailed. She requested that the Board consider removing the participation fees for the club, like they recently have been for participation in HS sports. Sharon Shiel, team Mentor, echoed Ms. Carlson's request, and thanked the Board for their recent decisions to make all extracurricular activities more broadly available to students by eliminating fees. Superintendent Stockwell expressed his support of the program and their proposal.
- Rick Tara Kamp, Auditor from Pauly Rogers and Co., summarized the auditing firm's 2020-21 audit of the District's financial statements of governmental activities, major funds and use of Student Investment Account funds. The firm issued an "unmodified" opinion on the financial statements, which is the most favorable rating. There were two Financial Statement Findings noted by the auditors, and a remedy for each was included by the Business Office.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the Business Report in Jessica Seay's absence. He displayed the 2022 Budget Committee Calendar and list Budget Committee vacancies. The Board reviewed these items during the December meeting, and the information was provided in their packets for this meeting, so there were no questions. Trinity Monahan appealed to the community to invest in the school district and our students by applying. There were questions from members about whether teachers, substitutes and students are able to serve on the Budget Committee. Superintendent Stockwell promised to review the parameters and get that information to the Board.
- Superintendent Stockwell displayed the summary of the proposed ESSER II & III Capital Expenditures, which were also reviewed by members during the December board meeting and in their packets for this one. There were no questions or comments.
- Superintendent Stockwell provided current student enrollment numbers, and reported that we have 136 more students enrolled than we did this time last year. There are 2,787 students enrolled at this time.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that he will be developing a Boundary Committee in the near future, so that the District is prepared to responsibly respond to the growth in our community and adjust the elementary boundaries, as needed. Superintendent Stockwell reported that he wants community input regarding the boundaries, and will make committee applications available soon. Kellie Smith and Melody Killens volunteered to be a part of the committee also.
- Superintendent Stockwell provided an update regarding the renovation and addition work at the high school. Some of the work will begin in February, and the community will see fencing going up around A-building. Kellie Smith asked for a spending/planning budget update, in light of the changes due to supply and materials costs. Superintendent Stockwell agreed to provide that at the next meeting.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the new guidance the District has received regarding isolation and quarantining with the new Omicron variant. It is now recommended by the CDC that if symptomatic or exposed and not vaccinated there is a 5-day quarantine after exposure rather than 10.

- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the number of recent staff absences, which has been high, and the number of those absences that have been filled by substitutes, which has been low. He noted that though the District is doing everything possible to keep the schools all open for in-person learning, there is a possibility that there will be a need for a temporary "pause" on either a building-wide or District-wide basis.

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- No visitors were present.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the three action items:
  - 7.1 Approve 2022 Budget Committee Calendar
  - 7.2 Declaration of Budget Committee Vacancies and
  - 7.3 Approve ESSER II Capital Expenditures

  at once. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to approve these items carried unanimously.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.1-3	Seconded the motion.	Bill Amos	X		
7.1-3		Melody Killens	X		
7.1-3		Ryan Scholl	X		
7.1-3		Trinity Monahan	X		
7.1-3	Entered a motion to approve	Kellie Smith	X		

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

Members discussed whether there was a need to meet for a planning session on January 19 and determined that there was not, at this time. The Board will meet again on January 26 for a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Chair Scholl adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Ryan Scholl, Board Chair

Scot Stockwell, Superintendent