

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
January 26, 2022**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 26, 2022. This public meeting was observable on: <https://youtu.be/flwM6ABz0f4>. Members of the community interested in addressing the Board were invited to do so during the meeting 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, January 26, 2022.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Ryan Scholl, Board Chair
Melody Killens, Vice Chair
Bill Amos, Board Member
Trinity Monahan, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Jessica Seay, Business Manager
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scholl called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None were present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jezarel Ortiz updated the Board regarding the activities taking place at SHHS. She reported that students enjoyed a successful winter Spirit Week, are conducting a mask campaign with prizes, and looking forward to a Kindness & Love week in February and a Winter ball in March.
- The District Principals informed members about the work, activities and planning taking place at each school:
 - Dani Boylan reported that the Early Learning Program team:
 - Continues to work on data from the empathy interviews they issued and to look at ways the data can be used to improve transitions between grade levels from Preschool to 5th grade.

- Is getting information about the Ready Freddy program out to families of incoming Kinders, and have scheduled two events a month to help these students prepare for Kindergarten.
- Martine Barnett, Jennifer Vanderschuere and Roger Fink provided an Elementary team report including the following celebrations:
 - Attendance for staff and students is improving.
 - Communication regarding the pause was complete and reached all families.
 - Parents are very supportive of quarantining and keeping sick students home.
 - There are signs of academic momentum.
 - Routines are becoming solid.
 - The substitute situation is improving.

Some challenges being faced by the elementary schools include:

- There is constant uncertainty of the future of the pandemic.
- People are anxious to return to normal.

The team expressed their appreciation to the Board for their commitment to the students, staff of the District.

- Cris Gwilliam provided an update regarding the school year start at SHMS to include the following successes:
 - Participation in sports, particularly basketball and wrestling is high.
 - The middle school has a new science partnership with YouScience, funded by an ODE grant, which helps students match aptitudes and interests to in-demand careers in which they'll have a competitive advantage.

Mr. Gwilliam honored Bill Amos for his service to the District in his role as a Board member, as well as specifically to the middle school where he has coached, supervised study hall, mentored staff and volunteers to assist with many events.

- Dr. Katy Wagner began by honoring Ryan Scholl, member and parent of a HS student for his service and support. She updated members about the start of the school year at SHHS to include:
 - Finals week is next week and will occur on the current four-day block rather than the typical finals schedule.
 - The new semester schedules are now posted and available for review. Please note that lunch periods may shift for students, accordingly.
 - The HS will host the Becoming a Lion event, which is an informational night for incoming 8th grade students, on February 10th.
 - The HS Wind Ensemble gave an excellent performance at the Oregon Musical Educators Association Conference in Eugene, and represented the District well.
 - The school-based health center opened on January 3rd, across the street from SHHS.
 - An anonymous student experience survey was conducted and revealed that a significant number of students are experiencing depression, anxiety and a lack of motivation. The leadership and counseling teams are developing a plan to improve connection and student experience.

- Colleen Grogan provided an update about things taking place at Plymouth HS to include:
 - The staff is currently all healthy and in place.
 - There is a high rate of student absences due to illness.
 - They are facing some challenges with consistent mask wearing and with students staying home rather than attending school when symptomatic.
- Shirley Brock, District AVID Director, provided members with an overview of the program and how it is being implemented in K-12 classes. Planning is beginning to send a team to the Summer Institute, and continued PD will return at a more robust pace as the pandemic wanes. Ryan Scholl and Trinity Monahan recently attended an AVID conference, and provided their observations about the program and expressed their approval.
- John Abel, Senior Project Manager from Cornerstone Management, provided an update regarding the remodel project at the high school. He reported that:
 - The project team are at the 100% Design Development Drawing stage.
 - The temporary security fencing will be placed around the project next month, and utility work done for the weight and wrestling rooms. Phase 1 will include work to A building and will run through August 2023. Phase 2 will include work on buildings B, C and D and be complete in August of 2024.
 - The project team is researching and reaching out to subcontractors, including local contractors.
 - The total project budget is just under \$69 million.

Kellie Smith asked about whether abatement would be conducted in areas that will not be remodeled. Superintendent Stockwell agreed to get a detailed list of which parts of the school would receive that service.

- Jessica Seay, Business Manager, provided members with a review of the proposed IGA with the County to lease property for the school-based health center. Trinity Monahan noted that the start date was listed as 2021 rather than 2022, and Jessica reported that she would reach out to the document author to arrange for that correction.
- Superintendent Stockwell read aloud the 2022 School Board Recognition Proclamation, and thanked the Board for their excellent volunteer service to the students of the District.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that Yankton Arthur Academy has given the District notice that they would like to renew their charter. He noted that he would like to continue the relationship that we have with them, and would like to work together to improve the transition from AA to St. Helens Middle School. Kellie asked about the length of the charter agreement and Jessica replied that the agreements have ranged from 3-5 years in the past.
- Superintendent Stockwell presented current county COVID numbers, and noted that our District absences are trending lower after the two-day pause. He provided the number of substitutes that have been available and the steps the District is taking to fill them.
- Superintendent Stockwell announced that the District will provide a robust summer program this summer for students, and that plans are already being developed.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that there has been interest from multiple parties to either lease or purchase the property on Bachelor Flat Rd. that is owned by the District. Members discussed the issue at hand, and the consensus was that the Board

would like Scot to reach out to the family that donated the land and to bring back more information to them prior to continuing the discussion.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None were present.

ACTION ITEMS

- Trinity Monahan entered a motion to vote to amend the IGE for the Lease Agreement for Student Based Health Center to reflect a start date of January 1, 2022 rather than 2021. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Trinity Monahan entered a motion to vote to amend the IGE for the Lease Agreement for Student Based Health Center to reflect a start date of 2022 rather than 2021. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

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

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

February 09, 2021 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

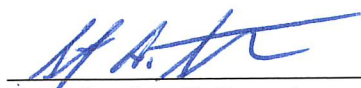
- Board members returning to in-person meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Scholl adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.



Ryan Scholl, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent