

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
May 11, 2022**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. in-person in the District Office board Room of the District, County and State, and via Zoom, on May 11, 2022. This public meeting was open to the public as well as observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eUd0nd1bS0u9EEY4adhtAg.

Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to 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, May 11, 2022 at: sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us with their topic of discussion.

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
Jessica Seay, Business Manager
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Not Present:

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

Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Emilia Ponti addressed the Board to inquire about whether they had arrived at a decision about allowing the ED Wildflower Play Collective utilize the school building on Bachelor Flat Rd. Superintendent Stockwell offered to set up a meeting in the near future at the District Office to discuss the matter further.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the current graduation requirements at SHHS. Those currently include:

- English Language Arts: 4
- Math: 3
- Science (2 lab experiences included): 3
- Social Sciences: 3
- Health Education: 1
- Physical Education: 1
- World Languages: (Must be the same language for both credits) 2
- The Arts: 2
- Career Technical Education: 2
- Electives: 3

Total credits required: 24

At the meeting in April, Kellie Smith suggested suspending the World Languages requirement for juniors and seniors, due to the pandemic. The Board revisited the matter. Bill Amos suggested World Language be offered as an elective, rather than a requirement. Superintendent Stockwell noted that some teachers at the high school want to see a personal finance option made available to students. Trinity Monahan agreed, and suggested that life skills classes be available for parents, in tandem with that offering for students. Kellie Smith requested that data regarding the grades of current juniors and seniors in Spanish be presented at the next Board meeting, and that a vote is taken about whether to suspend the World Language requirement for now.

- Superintendent Stockwell reported that he and the Board Chair met earlier in the week with community leaders to discuss resources and processes for supporting students and their families. The District Attorney, Chief of Police and representatives from DHS and the Juvenile Department were in attendance and agreed to continue to work together to increase communication and to get needed assistance to students and their families.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

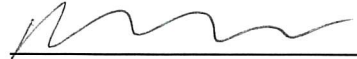
- None presented.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

The Board will meet again on May 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for a Board Planning Session. Updates about materials and colors being utilized in the SHHS remodel project will be presented by the Soderstrom Architect Team.

ADJOURMENT

Chair Scholl adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 7:02 p.m.



Ryan Scholl, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent

