

**St. Helens School District #502  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
July 29, 2020**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, per ORS 192.670 on July 29, 2020. This public meeting was observable at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noXUV-z78Jc&feature=youtu.be>. Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to do so by emailing the Board of Directors at: [sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us](mailto:sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us).

**PRESENT**

Those present were:

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

Not Present:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Monahan called the Board Regular Meeting 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. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried with “aye” votes from Melody Killens, Bill Amos, Ryan Scholl and Trinity Monahan. Kellie Smith abstained due to a technology barrier.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Bill Amos 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 reported that there will be two learning model options for families in the fall: a hybrid and virtual model (St. Helens Virtual Academy). In accordance with Governor Brown’s executive order 20-29 “Ready Schools, Safe Learners: K-12 Instructional Activities and the Provision of School-Based Services During 2020-2021 academic Year in the Face of the Ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-

19) Outbreak” and new infection rates released July 28<sup>th</sup>, students that select the Hybrid Model will start the year in the Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) mode due to the re-opening infection rate guidelines presented by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The administration team has been working to create a plan for each grade level, accordingly.

- Dr. Katy Wagner reported that SHHS students will be grouped in cohorts, with half coming every other day. They will attend four classes per semester, thus able to earn 8 rather than 7 credits during the year. Fridays will be utilized for intervention and enrichment, and will provide access to College/Career supports, Special Education supports, Credit-Earning Assurance plans and school spirit activities.
- Cris Gwilliam reported that students at SHMS will be grouped in cohorts of 15-17, and will remain in a single classroom for all core instruction. They will have three core teachers and one enrichment that rotates into classrooms.
- Lisa Tyler and Jennifer Vandershuere reported that elementary students will remain in cohorts of 10-15 students per teacher. Their teams are in the process of developing options for child care and academic supports outside of the on-site learning days. PE will take place both indoors and outside; with appropriate physical distancing being observed.
- Jessica Seay provided the Bond Preliminary Offering Statement to members for their review prior to the meeting. There were a few questions about language and small edits suggested by members, and Ms. Seay agreed to take those to Piper Sandler & Co. for review.
- Jessica Seay advised that the District continues to use Government Portfolio Advisors as the investment manager for the 2020 Bond Program, as they provided sound investment management services for the 2017 bond program. Members noted their consent, and there were no questions posed.
- Jessica Seay described the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for Construction Management and Owner’s Representative Services (CMORS). Four firms submitted proposals by the July 24<sup>th</sup> deadline, and the RFP committee chose to interview the two highest ranked firms. Per the tabulation of rating scorecards, the District recommends the contract be awarded to Cornerstone management Inc. (CMI).
- Superintendent Stockwell provided an update regarding the planning process for the SHHS renovation. He noted that the architects are meeting with staff user groups to gather input.
- Superintendent Stockwell updated the Board regarding Governor Kate Brown’s commitment to maintaining the \$9 billion that was originally budgeted for schools for the next biennium. The District’s 2020-21 Budget, approved in June by the Budget Committee, did not consider Student Investment funds, as it was unknown whether those would still be made available by the State. It is now known that approximately one-third of that funding will still be received by the District.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that the District is currently placed a freeze on hiring.
- Superintendent Stockwell read aloud some questions about schools reopening in the fall that had been sent to him and the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. He noted that the District has created a web page designated to the St. Helens Virtual Academy (SHVA), and that it will contain a Q&A link that community questions will be included on. The registration for the SHVA will be live on August 3, and remain open until August 14.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to award the CMORS contract to Cornerstone management Inc. Melody Killens seconded; the vote to approve carried unanimously.

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

**UPCOMING MEETING INPUT**

August 12, 2020 – Board Work Session

**ADJOURMENT**

Chair Monahan adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 9:17 p.m.



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Trinity Monahan, Board Chair



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Scot Stockwell, Superintendent