

**St. Helens School District #502  
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes  
August 12, 2020**

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 August 12, 2020. This public meeting was observable at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6zIPC2QrH0&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). Members of the community interested in addressing the Board during the meeting were invited to email a summary of the topic and request the Zoom meeting link prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, August 12, 2020

**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  
Donna Rethati, Data Specialist

Not Present:

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ryan School seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

**VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Chair Monahan read aloud the two email submissions received from community members, as they were unable to join the Zoom meeting:

- Crystal Sharp expressed concern over the amount of information currently available from ODE and the SHSD regarding how the needs of students with IEPs and in ELL will be addressed this year.

- Laura Drew asked whether the rural revision metrics affect the Columbia City Elementary School, and if so, how that will look on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Stockwell invited Lori Thompson to address Ms. Sharp’s question. She reported that ODE has recently provided new guidance that our teams are studying and learning about. She invited all families to reach out directly to herself or Jen Nelson, and noted that new information will be provided families as soon as possible, and individual IEP meetings can be scheduled when school resumes.

Superintendent Stockwell responded to Ms. Drew’s question by affirming that the rural metrics do apply to the SHSD as they are state-wide, but noted we have other factors to address including the percentage of our staff that reside in another county and commute to St. Helens. He reported that the District will research the “limited, in-person” instruction options newly released.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Trinity Monahan noted that Board members received copies of four policies and updates recommended by OSBA to include:
  - GBEB – Communicable Diseases – Staff
  - GBN/JBA – Sexual Harassment
  - JBA/GBN – Sexual Harassment
  - JHCC – Communicable Diseases – Students

Members discussed the process they have been using to review policy updates. Chair Monahan expressed his wish to return to a process in which the span of three board meetings, rather than two, are used by members to review the policy updates. Bill Amos suggested that if they do so they start at a Regular Meeting and then vote at the next Regular Meeting, with a Work Session in between for discussion. Kellie Smith noted that she agrees with adding the third meeting for review to allow for more opportunity for community comment.

- Superintendent Stockwell reported that the bond sale will take place tomorrow. The final information about the sales will be available during the 9:30 a.m. call. Board members have been sent an invitation to observe the process that will begin at 7:00 a.m.. Interest rates are currently very good, which will generate good premiums for upgrading SHHS.
- Superintendent Stockwell noted that some adjustments to the 2020-21 Community Calendar have been made to allow students to have at least four school days in each week, with the exception of the larger holidays like the winter holiday. It also now reflects the addition of parent-teacher conferences from September 8<sup>th</sup> through the

15<sup>th</sup>, with the first day of instruction for both instructional models being September 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Dr. Katy Wagner, Cris Gwilliam, Jennifer Vanderschuere provided members with an overview of their plans for both synchronous and asynchronous work that will take place at each level in the hybrid model.
- Dr. Katy Wagner reported that there has been a new Teaching and Learning Team developed at SHHS for the purpose of helping to merge current curriculum with the Acellus curriculum. The team is representative of the different departments, including the counseling department, and members developed the in-service week, will serve to support and train staff, and to transition in general to the hybrid, distance-learning model in the fall.
- Superintendent Stockwell explained that additional staffing decisions will take place once the SHVA registration deadline closes, so that the District has an idea how many students will select each of the two models in the fall. Staff members that are in the high-risk category will likely be chosen to support SHVA.
- Martine Barnette shared the “Learning From Home Resources” digital welcoming center she has created for District families. There are training videos for parents to learn about the Canvas Learning Platform and many other learning resources, as well as links to live parent support meetings. Ms. Barnette will facilitate these meetings, and will also invite community partners to be guest speakers. These resources have been made available for families who choose either of the two learning models.
- Melody Killens suggested the District create school supply lists for students soon so that they are still available in the needed quantities in local stores.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the agenda by adding an action item 7.1: Adopt the 2020-21 Community Calendar. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to so amend the agenda carried unanimously.
- Bill Amos entered a motion to adopt the 2020-21 Community Calendar. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to adopt the calendar carried unanimously.

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

### **UPCOMING MEETING INPUT**

August 26, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Monahan adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 8:21 p.m.



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Trinity Monahan, Board Chair



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Scot Stockwell, Superintendent