

**St. Helens School District #502  
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes  
October 14, 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 October 14, 2020. This public meeting was observable at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXgz6o\\_PL2I&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXgz6o_PL2I&feature=youtu.be). 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](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, October 14, 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  
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

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**

Bill Amos 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 presented

**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

- Catherine Contreras and Ben Bruhn addressed the Board regarding the SHSD Equity Team. They provided some history about how and why they started the group, and reported that they have had 70 staff members from across the district join them in this important work. They met with Trinity Monahan and Superintendent Stockwell over the summer to discuss creating a resolution that will aptly describe the District's anti-racism lens and provide a foundation for policy. They asked the equity team to review the draft of the resolution that the Board worked on together at the June 6 Board Work Session. There was a consensus communicated by members that they would like the resolution to be fitting for our community, as well as actionable rather than a token document. Ms. Contreras noted that the OEA Empowerment Academy is supporting the District work. Ms. Contreras and Mr. Bruhn will consider the resolution and return to a Board meeting in the future to discuss that and the other work being done by the team.
- Superintendent Stockwell provided an update regarding the metrics that would be required to reopen schools for in-person instruction. For a school district that draws >10% of students or staff from one or more other counties, the rate of new "cases per 100,000" and percent of "test positivity" must be considered in each of those counties. Schools must be in a county that is no longer in baseline phase to consider in-person instructional models. The county measures include the following:
  - Case rate:  $\leq 10$  cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days
  - Test positivity:  $\leq 5\%$  in the preceding 7 days - and State Metric - metric to be met three weeks in a row
  - Test positivity:  $\leq 5\%$  in the preceding 7 daysSuperintendent Stockwell additionally introduced an exception to those metrics that currently applies to Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:
  - Case rate:  $\leq 30$  cases per 100,000 population in the preceding 7 days
  - Test positivity:  $\leq 5\%$  in the preceding 7 days - and State Metric - metric to be met three weeks in a row
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that the St. Helens Virtual Academy (SHVA) team is currently reviewing curriculum to replace Acellus. That change will likely take place after the second quarter.
- Superintendent Stockwell requested input from members regarding a timeline for planning and reporting to families when the metrics again allow for in-person instruction. He noted that in addition to the three weeks of meeting the metrics, a week would be needed for the transition process. Members discussed the advantages of a fixed rather than rolling model of four-week blocks.
- Members inquired about whether we could provide limited in-person instruction for students currently struggling with the virtual or hybrid models of study. Superintendent Stockwell noted that he has been meeting with the City Park and Recreation Department and the Library to talk about ways the District can partner with them and their "Let's Play!" program. This program will provide mobile guided activity for students at neighborhood parks. He also will be working on a plan to provide limited in-person instruction for small groups in the schools and will report back to the Board.

- Members discussed whether they would like to meet next week for a Planning Session. They agreed that they had covered they topics at hand and would instead next meet for the Regular Board Meeting on October 28, 2020.

**UPCOMING MEETING INPUT**

October 28, 2020 – Board Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Monahan adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 8:49 p.m.



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Trinity Monahan, Board Chair



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Scot Stockwell, Superintendent