

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
December 9, 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 December 9, 2020. This public meeting was observable at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9hyqTmAWRw&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. 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, December 9, 2020.

PRESENT

Those present were:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monahan called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried with “yes” votes from Bill Amos, Ryan Scholl, Melody Killens and Trinity Monahan. Kellie Smith was unable to vote due to her microphone volume being temporarily unavailable.

CONSENT AGENDA

Melody Killens entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ryan Scholl seconded; the vote to approve the agenda carried with “yes” votes from Bill Amos, Ryan Scholl, Melody Killens and Trinity Monahan. Kellie Smith was unable to vote due to her microphone volume being temporarily unavailable.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- Hannah Hayduk, SHHS ASB Representative updated the Board regarding the many activities taking place virtually, including a blood drive, a Giving Tree collection for

families for the holiday, and Winter Spirit Week. She reported that the first Student of the Week at SHHS for the 2020-21 academic year is Lexi Scholl.

- Jennifer Vanderschuere, Dustin Salisbury, Lisa Tyler, Cris Gwilliam, Colleen Grogan and Dr. Katy Wagner informed members about the work and activities taking place at each school, the current level of attendance and engagement and the unique ways staff are supporting students and families while the District is in the comprehensive distance learning mode. Ted Zehr provided an update regarding the progress being made by students in the St. Helens Virtual Academy (SHVA), and noted that a plan is being put in place for students who may need small group or individual instruction.
- A team from Soderstrom Architects Ltd. provided members with updated information about the ongoing planning taking place for the SHHS renovation. They provided updated drafts of the site and floor plans, and Board members asked questions and provided suggestions for the team.
- Chair Monahan noted that there are two new Board policies that have continued to be reviewed by members:
 - ABC – All Students Belong
 - JHH – Student Suicide Prevention

There was no additional input from the community or Board members, so a vote will take place tonight to adopt the policies.

- Chair Monahan noted that members are still reviewing language on a draft resolution regarding racism and bias. Superintendent Stockwell noted that the Leadership Team and the District Equity Team are also reviewing the document and have submitted some ideas that he'll forward to members after the meeting. Kellie Smith noted that it is important that the District establishes a consistent response to incidents of racism and bias. Melody Killens expressed her wish to invite students of color to Board meetings on a regular basis to talk about their experiences in the District.

Superintendent Stockwell reported that the District will soon invite students to become involved in REAP, a multicultural youth leadership program. He will invite some REAP program representatives to come provide members with some program information.

- Ted Hirning, SHHS Athletic Director provided members with an update regarding high school athletics. He noted that the COVID metrics will now fall under the county indoor and outdoor recreation guidance rather than ODE guidance, and for now full-contact sports remain prohibited. OSAA sent an updated calendar in response. Their hope is to avoid cancelling any sports but instead truncate the duration of each of the three sport seasons, starting February 21st. A question was raised by a member about whether GPA exceptions would be made due to the distance learning that has preceded the sports seasons. Mr. Hirning replied that OSAA has given notice that the current GPA rules will stay in place.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that the District is approaching the end of the five-year term of the most recent Strategic Plan. He will be working again with Jerry Colonna to form teams comprised of staff, students and community members to draft a new and updated plan. This work will begin in the spring, and due to COVID meeting restrictions, the listening sessions will begin in the fall.

- Superintendent Stockwell provided an update regarding the current metrics for rates of COVID in Columbia, Washington and Multnomah counties. The gradual return to CDL will be considered again next month, pending a steady decrease in the COVID case-rate trend.
- Superintendent Stockwell provided members with a report about school funding for the 2021-23 biennium based on the Governor’s Recommended Budget (GRB) released on December 1. The State School Fund was set at \$9.1 billion, which was a little more than anticipated. She additionally committed to fully funding the Student Success Act programs as well as grants to schools under the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve policy ACB – All Students Belong. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Bill Amos entered a motion to approve policy JHH – Student Suicide Prevention. Melody Killens seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

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

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

- January 13, 2020 –
 - Executive Session 6:00 p.m.
 - Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Monahan adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.



Trinity Monahan, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent