

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
February 10, 2021**

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=dKXc7dpjXEW&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, February 10, 2021.

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

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

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Green and Matt Brown addressed the Board regarding a proposed new Public Safety Facility. They provided information about the current police department, and a description of the facility they would like to build for the community.
- A team from Soderstrom Architects provided an update regarding the SHHS renovation project. They addressed the current Value Engineering (VE) status and noted what has been altered from the last iteration of the plans.
- Trinity Monahan listed the policies that are currently being reviewed by members:
 - GCPC/GDPC – Retirement of Staff
 - IJ – School Counseling Program
 - IKFB – Graduation Exercises
 - JB – Equal Educational Opportunity
 - JFCM – Threats of Violence
 - LBE – Public Charter Schools

The policies have been made available on the District website for review by the community. There were no questions or comments about the updates recommended by OSBA.

- Jessica Seay requested that members select the 2021-22 Budget Priorities as they enter the Budget season. They reviewed the priorities from the 2019-20 school year, and agreed upon the following:
 - Closing the COVID gap/making up for lost instructional support for students via summer or other enrichment activities/opportunities
 - Consider additional instructional support for teachers
 - Student health, safety and well-being
 - Protect prudent ending fund balance
 - Maintain reasonable class size numbers
 - Continue to develop District culture that instills a commitment to community
 - Parent education opportunities
 - Enrichment activities
 - Hold a diversity/equity lens which considers access to and allocation of budget resources
 - Facility maintenance and improvements
 - All-weather surfaces
 - Increase transfer from general fund; develop deferred maintenance plans looking two to three biennia ahead
 - Have the budget reflect new/innovative instructional models for all students (including student choice)
 - Reinstate Curriculum Adoption Reserve
 - Establish a PERS Reserve with savings in rates to offset future rate increases
- Jessica Seay reported that there have been no Budget Committee applications received at this time, and voiced a reminder to help make the community aware of the opportunity to serve in this capacity. She proposed an updated Budget Calendar
- Superintendent Stockwell provided current District enrollment numbers, and pointed to the steady downward trend the District has experienced in the last five years.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the current COVID metrics and the plan currently in place for returning students to in-person instruction. He reviewed the extensive safety plans developed at each school that are ready to be implemented

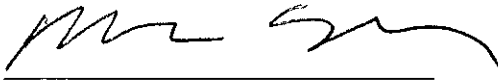
when students return, and the hybrid instruction scheduling plans. He reported that Limited In-Person Instruction (LIPI) has started in all schools at this time, and that Pre-K, Kinders and 1st grade students will return the week of March 8.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

March 3, 2021 – Board Planning Session, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Monahan adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 8:46 p.m.



Ryan Scholl, Board Vice Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent