

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
March 10, 2021**

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 March 10, 2021. This public meeting was observable at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocw8Fny29JA>. 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 with a summary of the topic they wish to address and to request the Zoom meeting link prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

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

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monahan called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 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

Chair Monahan invited all four guests to speak during this portion of the agenda, whether or not the topic they wished to address was on the agenda.

- Laura Bracke requested the Board to consider an in-person graduation in June for the class of 2021 rather than a drive-through-only ceremony. She asked that the decision not be finalized until a date nearer the ceremony as COVID rates may continue to decline.
- Erica Winnestorfer requested that the Board consider an in-person graduation ceremony for graduates and their families. She noted that COVID infection rates are dropping, and that with proper safety measures being observed a safe ceremony could be observed.
- Stanley Girard addressed the Board to request they consider employing a full-time athletic trainer at SHHS for the safety of students.
- Shanna Duggan, Recreation Manager for the St. Helens Parks and Recreation Department, reported that the Department has acquired a new building for the program. The City has purchased a property on 2625 Gable Rd., and it is adjacent to the SHSH property. She shared some ideas being discussed for the new location to include:

- A Community Wellness Hub
- SHHS Students earning volunteer hours
- Intergenerational activities
- Providing accessibility and access for the community at all hours

She thanked the District for their ongoing, successful partnership and continued support.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Hannah Hayduk, SHHS ASB Representative updated the Board regarding the many activities scheduled to take place virtually, including the creation of an 8th grade meet and greet video, Staff Appreciation Week, an upcoming campaign to welcome students back to the building, MORP court selection and spirit week, and ASB elections for the 2021-22 school year.
- Martine Barnett, Jennifer Vanderschuere, Dustin Salisbury, Lisa Tyler, Cris Gwilliam, Colleen Grogan, Ted Zehr 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 many ways staff are supporting students. The Early Learning Team reported that the re-opening of buildings to pre-K, Kinder and 1st grade students was very successful, and that they look forward to welcoming back 3rd through 5th grades soon. Limited In-Person Instruction (LIPI) is still taking place at the secondary levels, and the high school and middle school staff are working together to create a smooth transition for 8th students into SHHS in the fall. Staff at SHMS, PHS and SHHS are preparing to open buildings for students the week of April 19th with an A/B cohort hybrid instructional model. Dr. Katy Wagner offered her congratulations to Hillary Barley and Dakota Worlitz, the class of 2021 Valedictorians, and Sofia Strandjord, the class Salutatorian.
- A team from Soderstrom Architects provided an update on the SHHS renovation project. They presented an interior design concept review, and a new concept for the entry of building B.
- Jessica Seay reviewed an update she recommends for Board policy DGA – Authorized Signatures, in order to align it with current practice. The suggested change would add the requirement of two signatures by administrators or secretaries with associated student body bookkeeping responsibilities for that school or program.
- Superintendent Stockwell shared the February 2021 student enrollment numbers with members; noting that the District has observed a 2-3% decline annually for the last 10 years.
- Superintendent Stockwell revisited the fact that the District owns a property on Pittsburg Rd. and one on Ross Road and that neither are currently in use. He asked members for input regarding selling these properties to increase the funding going into the high school remodel. He proposed possible options to be considered including an additional turf field to increase student and community access, a field

house, and a concession stand. Superintendent Stockwell will speak with a realtor about next steps and report back to members at the next meeting.

- Superintendent Stockwell provided an update regarding the current metrics for rates of COVID in Columbia, Washington and Multnomah counties. He noted that the positive case rates are decreasing in all three. The Governor announced last Friday that she would like all schools to begin in-person instruction no later than April 19 for secondary students, and March 29 for elementary students. The subsequent ODE Ready School, Safe Learners (RSSL) guidance is expected to be released to districts on March 19. Superintendent Stockwell emphasized that it is not advised that schools reduce in-person instruction based on metrics once they have begun to provide it. If there are small outbreaks, small quarantines will be conducted and handled in isolation.
- Superintendent Stockwell updated members regarding the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds that have been received and are expected as part of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The funds can be utilized for staffing, HVAC improvements, personal protective equipment, and to help close the COVID gap for students. Funds for ESSER II are expected in the near future, and for ESSER II sometime in spring or summer of this year. There is approximately \$4 million dollars anticipated for the District as a one-time stimulus to be used over the next two years.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the current guidance from ODE regarding graduation pathways, and noted that new guidance is expected on March 19th. He noted that also expected on that date is a new release of graduation ceremony guidance.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Stanley Girard thanked the Board for their service to the community. He advocated for the Board to sell the two unused District properties and add the two JV turf fields, field house and new concessions building at SHHS. He observed that our student athletes are not playing on equal footing with others in their league due to the lack of training advantages that these additions would help with.

ACTION ITEMS

- Ryan Scholl entered a motion to approve the proposed update to Board Policy DGA– Authorized Signatures. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

April 14, 2021 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

- Adi's Act Guidance Manual

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Monahan adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.



Trinity Monahan, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent