

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
April 28, 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 April 28, 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, April 28, 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

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monahan called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Superintendent Stockwell suggested adding Action Item 7:2, Approve Letter of Support for a School-Based Health Center. Melody Killens entered a motion to approve the agenda with that addition. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve the agenda as amended carried unanimously.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Noelle Freshner, SHHS Activities Director, reported to the Board on behalf of Hanah Hayduk, regarding the many activities that have been taking place virtually, including MORP and a corresponding successful fundraiser for the Columbia County Food Bank, virtual band and choir concerts, a radio production by the drama department and staff appreciation efforts. She noted that the Leadership Team is doing a t-shirt fundraiser that can be found on the SHHS web page.
- Noelle Fresner provided an update regarding graduation ceremony plans as they currently stand. Graduation week will take place the week of June 7th as follows:

- Monday: Senior Finals (A Cohort)
 - Tuesday: Senior Finals (B Cohort)
 - Wednesday: Senior and Community Cruise, 8-10 p.m.
 - Thursday: Drive through Senior BBQ and Pick-up 12-2:00 p.m., Senior Celebration at Doc Ackerson Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
She noted that the numbers in attendance for this event will be based on the current county COVID risk level and will be determined closer to the event.
 - Friday: Graduation Diploma Ceremony at the Columbia County Courthouse, 12:00 p.m.
- Ted Hirning, SHHS Athletic Director provided members with an update regarding student athletics during the current COVID category. Full-contact indoor sports have been authorized, but occupancy guidance still must be followed. Wrestling, basketball and swimming practices are scheduled to start on May 10, then 5 weeks of competition would begin the following week. Outdoor numbers are also newly restricted; only 50 people are allowed, including the coaches and players, which is very limiting for track and football especially. We are waiting for new guidance specific to the “extreme risk” designation from the governor and OSAA. Melody Killens suggested the District send a notice via the local newspapers reminding community members to be cautious and observe COVID guidance so that students can return to these activities.
 - 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.
 - Mark Jackson, Executive Director and Co-Founder of REAP provided members with information about their non-profit organization and an outline of their plans for supporting the St. Helens School District. Their mission statement: “To proactively ignite, elevate and engage the next wave of leaders for the future now.” Their partnership targets include:
 - On-time promotion to the next grade level
 - Graduation rates
 - Academic achievement
 - School attendance
 - Student discipline – (decreasing behavior referrals)

The REAP team will support staff, work with the Board and District leadership, and directly with students to affect the District climate and culture.
 - A team from Soderstrom Architects provided an update on the SHHS renovation project. They presented a 3-D visualization of the project as the plans stand to date, as well as an updated versions of the site and floor plans.
 - Superintendent Stockwell provided an update regarding the current metrics for rates of COVID in Columbia, Washington and Multnomah counties. He noted that numbers are trending upwards, but the guidance from ODE is that once in-person instruction has been established, districts do not reduce it due to increased infection rates. SHSD will hold in the current hybrid in-person model throughout the end of the school year, and our current plan for the fall is to return students to full-time in-person instruction. We hope the community will continue to follow guidelines so that rates will trend downwards and students can return to full-time instruction and extracurricular activities.

- Superintendent Stockwell reported that Dr. Wagner and team have continued to research the need for increased medical and dental supports for the students in the District. They determined that secondary students are not always able to access the Sacagawea school-based health center when there is a need. Superintendent Stockwell suggested that the Board approve the decision to partner with Public Health and place a school-based health center in the remodeled high school. There were no questions or comments from members.
- Board Chair Monahan read the Licensed Employee Week Declaration. Superintendent Stockwell and Chair Monahan expressed their appreciation for the excellent work being done by the licensed staff in the District.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

ACTION ITEMS

- Ryan Scholl entered a motion to approve the Licensed Appreciation Week Declaration. Melody Killens seconded; the motion carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

- Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the letter of support for the School-Based Health Center. Ryan Scholl seconded; Chair Monahan asked if there are any question or comments. Kellie Smith asked whether there is still time to back out of this project to do some exploring. Superintendent Stockwell noted that the research phase has been ongoing, and he recommends the Board approve the partnership and project. He read a draft of the proposed letter of approval. Chair Monahan called for a vote, and the motion carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

May 12, 2021 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Monahan adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.



Trinity Monahan, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent