

**St. Helens School District #502  
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes  
May 12, 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 May 12, 2021. This public meeting was observable at <https://youtu.be/D3N-ez29Y10>. 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](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, May 20, 2021.

**PRESENT**

Those present were:

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:

Trinity Monahan, Board Chair

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Scholl called the School Board Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Rick Rainone from Cornerstone Management provided members with an update regarding the SHHS renovation project. He provided a project timeline update, and noted that next steps include a land use hearing in July, the completion of the design

development packet by Soderstrom Architects, and completion of a 75% Design Development estimate from Hoffman Construction for the project. To house students at the high school during construction, modular classrooms will be moved from other District sites. Four additional modular classrooms were purchased for this purpose from the Salem-Kaiser SD. Ryan Scholl asked where they will be located on the high school property. Rick answered that they will be positioned by the entrance of the building, facing Gable. Superintendent Stockwell noted that moving the modular classrooms currently located at L&C Elementary would open up space for improving the playground area there. If there is a need to use the classrooms anywhere in the District after the renovation process, the newly purchased ones are in better condition and could be used going forward.

- Superintendent Stockwell provided current student enrollment numbers, and pointed to the steady downward trend the District has experienced in the last five years, and in contrast, the increased number of staff members. There has not been a significant change in the last few months. He expects an increase next year, and noted again that the District is planning to open for full-time in-person instruction in the fall.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the current COVID metrics and noted that test positivity is holding fairly steady in Columbia, Washington and Multnomah County.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that graduation ceremonies are in place at this time. One will be a drive-through ceremony similar to the one that occurred last year at the courthouse, and the other will be outdoors on the turf field at the high school. The county test positivity rates as we get nearer to graduation will determine how many guests students are allowed to invite to the event taking place at the high school.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that he has received many questions about whether an in-person Senior Prom will be allowed. He noted that Prom week events are still planned for the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>, and that the team at the high school is still considering a dance, and that it may take place sometime this summer.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that HB 504w was passed in March, which appropriates utilizing some of the general fund for summer school. Funds will be allotted for:
  - School Child Care Grants at the K-5 Level
  - Summer Enrichment Program Grants at the K-8 Level
  - Summer Academic Support Grants at the High School Level

Recipients of the funds for these summer programs may use them for:

- Teachers and Support Personnel
- Curriculum, Supplies, and Technology
- COVID-19-related Expenses
- Third-Party Contracts
- Student Expenses
- Facility-related Expenses
- Transportation Expenses
- Snack and Meals
- Administrative Expenses

Melody Killens asked whether incoming Kinder students could be a part of the summer learning opportunities and Superintendent Stockwell affirmed. She asked whether the District will be partnering with the Park and Recreation Department with these summer programs. Superintendent Stockwell confirmed that we will partner with them and with the Oregon State Extension Service as well. Board

members offered some ideas about the summer programs and funding, and agreed that they would email additional ideas to Superintendent Stockwell.

**VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

- None presented.

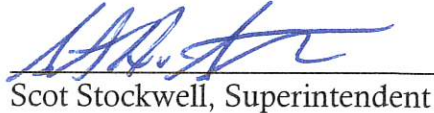
**UPCOMING MEETING INPUT**

May 19, 2021 – Board Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Scholl adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

  
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Ryan Scholl, Board Vice Chair

  
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Scot Stockwell, Superintendent

