

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
June 9, 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 June 9, 2021. This public meeting was observable at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPNkL09ud84>. 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, June 9, 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
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

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

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Jerome Colonna, SHSD Strategic Planning consultant, asked members the following questions:

- What is the school district doing well that you do not want changed or reduced?
- What is the one most important change, addition, improvement, or adjustment (for example in teaching and learning, facilities, policies, funding, extra-curricular activities, etc.) you suggest the district should make over the next three years?
- What are some values and beliefs you think should be represented in the district's new strategic plan?
- How can the district better serve all students and specifically its students living in poverty, students with disabilities, students of color, LGBTQ+ students, talented and gifted, and students learning English?
- How can the district better connect with our community to increase communication, involvement, and help community members gain a greater sense of ownership in SHSD's public schools?
- What else would you like to suggest that you have not mentioned above?

Members each offered a response to the questions, and a summary of those will be sent to the Strategic Plan Committee.

- Chair Monahan noted that 5 Core Value awards will be given at the end of year. Nominations will be received at the District Office and forwarded to the Board, who will then vote for a staff member in each of the five categories:
 - Innovative Teaching and Learning
 - Integrity and Compassion
 - Diversity and Community
 - Effort and Courage
 - Excellence Now
- Chair Monahan noted that copies of the five board policies currently under review by members were sent to members in advance of the meeting with the updates recommended by OSBA. Members are considering updates for:
 - CBA – Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
 - IIBGA – Electronic Communications System
 - INDB – Flag Displays and Salutes
 - JGA – Corporal Punishment
 - JHCA/JHCB – Immunization, Physical Examination, Vision Screening/Eye Examination and Dental Screening

Bill Amos reported that he would like to see a few additional changes to policy CBA prior to adopting it. He would like more language regarding the Superintendent's leadership ability written into the policy. The Board agreed to continue the editing process, accordingly.

- 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 reported that rather than doing an all-staff end-of-year event at a single location, there will be one at each school where retirees and award recipients will be honored. A schedule of the events will be sent to the Board.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that planning for summer programs are in full swing. 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
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that ODE has sent online instructional assurances to school districts for the fall. Assurances currently include:
 - All online instruction will be provided by appropriately licensed or registered (for charter schools) teachers.
 - At least 50% daily of a student's instruction is delivered synchronously by the licensed or registered teachers.
 - As IEP teams develop IEP's for students they should strive to ensure any specialized instructional minutes are provided synchronously and intentionally design any accommodations and modifications to maximize the asynchronous and synchronous formats. Students with an IEP should retain full access the 50% synchronous instructional time provided to all students in general education.
 - Responsible for having a plan for and administering the state assessments to its students as required by state and federal law.
 - Superintendent Stockwell noted that SHHS will have an in-person graduation event on Thursday, June 10, at Ackerson stadium as well as the drive-through event at the courthouse on Friday, June 11 at 12:00. Students can attend either or both of the events, and each student will be issued two guest tickets for the in-person event. Plymouth High School will celebrate their graduating seniors at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16th, with a barbeque following.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

June 23, 2021 – Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Monahan adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 7:51 p.m.



Trinity Monahan, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent