

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
October 11, 2017**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Work Session at 6:50 p.m. in the District Office Board Room of the District, County and State on October 11, 2017.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Kellie Smith, Board Chair
Melody Killens, Vice Chair
Bill Amos, Board Member
Jeff Howell, Board Member
Trinity Monahan, Board Member
Jessica Pickett Seay, Business Manager
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the Work Session Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Jeff Howell entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Melody Killens seconded. The motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented

CONSENT AGENDA

- Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trinity Monahan seconded. The motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members reviewed for the purpose of updating the following policies:
 - GCL – Staff Development – Licensed
 - JECBD – Homeless Students
 - JHCDA – Prescription Medication

Jeff Howell asked about the services available for homeless students in our district. Superintendent Stockwell described the role of Jennifer Bartocci, our Homeless

Student Liaison and the services provided under the McKinney Vento Act and funded by Title I.

NEW BUSINESS

- Members discussed the possibility of establishing an after school care program in the district. They shared their thoughts about selecting a private or public model, and agreed that there is a growing need for such a program in our community. Many ideas about potential interventions and a variety of program models were shared. It was agreed that Superintendent Stockwell would provide members with additional information about successful programs, and members would conduct further research.
- Superintendent Stockwell asked members to consider some ways the district could potentially partner with the Parks and Recreation department. He noted that there are some wonderful benefits to community members when such partnerships are established, and that he would like members to consider ways we could combine existing resources to maximize amenities for our own community.
- Superintendent Stockwell asked members to brainstorm about ways to best keep the community informed about the new middle school and CCEC building projects going on in the district. Suggestions included utilizing a boost on the Facebook messages already being posted, newsletters, introducing new social media venues, and public forums. Superintendent Stockwell noted that four such forums/listening sessions have been scheduled for the 2017-18 school year, and that the district will carefully announce those opportunities.
- Superintendent Stockwell updated the Board about the amended decision that has been agreed upon by the Planning Commission for safe walking routes for students during the building of the two new buildings. He noted that because there were no local contractors that bid for the CCEC job, the district will instead use a single contractor that will combine the two building projects, resulting in a significant savings for the district.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported to members about another favorable planning decision relating to the current building projects. Environmental protection agencies originally were going to require a bridge be built over the very small wetland that exists between the two properties, but now has allowed that the access road may be built around the wetland, instead. The savings to the district for this alternate solution is significant.
- Superintendent Stockwell explained the plan for moving district-wide professional development forward, and provided a schedule for the early-release Wednesdays during which much of it will take place. He noted that Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici will visit the district on Wednesday, October 18th to hear more about the excellent work being done by our team with QAP.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

October 25, 2017 – Regular Board Meeting at 6:30pm

- Policy Updates – Final Reading
 - GCL – Staff Development – Licensed
 - JECBD – Homeless Students
 - JHCDA – Prescription Medication
- Learn-and-Serve Program – SHMS Science Team

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Smith adjourned the Regular Board of Directors Meeting at 8:21 p.m.


Kellie Smith, Board Chair


Scot Stockwell, Superintendent