

**St. Helens School District #502  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
January 24, 2018**

The St. Helens School District #502 Board of Directors convened in a Regular Meeting on January 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room in Columbia County, Oregon.

**PRESENT**

Those present were:

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

Not present:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Stockwell suggested that items 6.3 and 6.4 be interchanged. Bill Amos entered a motion to do so, accordingly. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to interchange items 6.3 and 6.4 carried unanimously. Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jeff Howell seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Keith Meeuwssen explained to the board that the many students in attendance were a part of his Citizenship class, and thanked members for welcoming them. He noted that his students often have great ideas about the district during class, and welcomed the Board to ask any questions of the students they wish. Melody Killens asked whether the students thought graduation should take place outdoors even if it was raining, and the majority of the students answered affirmatively.
- Parents Kristal Freeman and Kati Crouch updated members regarding the preparation taking place for local student teams participating in the Oregon Battle of the Books competitions, including a regional competition that will be hosted by our district at SHHS on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Parent Laura Bracke spoke to the Board in advocacy of increasing the number of high school counselors.
- Kayla Jerome, SHHS student, noted that the light board in the auditorium is no longer operational, and requested that members consider facilitating its replacement.
- Lourdes Cowan, SHHS student would like for there to be some school-wide clarification about whether there will be a penalty for work that is turned in late.

She also addressed the rubric grading system, specifically to suggest that if teachers utilize a “0” for work that is not completed, the rubric should be a 5-point rather than 4-point rubric.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Board members reviewed for a final time updates recommended by OSBA for policies:
  - GDCA/GDDA – Criminal Records Check and Fingerprinting
  - GCN/GDN - Evaluation of Staff
  - IGBA – Students with Disabilities – Child Identification Procedures

Members reviewed the policy updates prior to the meeting, no additional discussion or recommendations were made regarding these policies.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Student Representative CJ Wyland reported to the Board about the activities taking place at SHHS, including their successful Holiday for Heart and Giving Tree campaigns.
- Principals Lisa Tyler, Kendra Griffin for Jennifer Vanderschuere, Linda Hall, Mark Janke, and Ted Zehr let members know about the great work and community activities taking place in each school.
- Superintendent Stockwell read a proclamation from Governor Kate Brown which announced that January is School Board Recognition month in the state of Oregon. He thanked members for their excellent service.
- Building Administrators updated members regarding the progress taking place in the district as it relates to the five-year district strategic plan.
- Katherine Contreras, Kathleen Alexander, Kendra Griffin, Andrew Coffin and Lori Cardiff provided the Board with a review and update on behalf of the Quality Assessment Practices District Leadership team about the professional development going on throughout the district.
- Representatives Diana Kessler and David Etchart from Soderstrom provided an update regarding the two bond building projects. Ground-breaking is currently projected to take place in late February.
- Superintendent Stockwell provided members with information regarding:
  - The partnership between Faith-based groups in the community and the district. They met this month and again welcomed film producer Jeff Martin to discuss potential volunteer literacy programs.
  - The hiring process taking place for the principal positions at SHHS and SHMS. The job postings will close on February 12, and the screening and interview process is scheduled to be complete prior to Spring Break.

- Teams from the District and SHEA have met to begin the process of bargaining; the next public meeting is scheduled for February 6.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

- None presented.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Jeff Howell entered a motion to approve the following three policies:
  - GDCA/GDDA – Criminal Records Check and Fingerprinting
  - GCN/GDN - Evaluation of Staff
  - IGBA – Students with Disabilities – Child Identification Procedures

Melody Killens seconded; approval of the application carried unanimously.

<b>Item#</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Notes</b>
8.1, 2,3		William Amos	X		
8.1, 2, 3	Seconded the motion	Melody Killens	X		
8.1, 2, 3	Entered a motion to approve	Jeff Howell	X		
8.1, 2, 3		Trinity Monahan	X		
8.1, 2, 3		Kellie Smith	X		

**UPCOMING MEETING INPUT**

- February 13, 2018 – Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
  - Policy Updates – First Reading
    - AC - Nondiscrimination
    - CCG – Evaluation of Administrators
    - IGBAH – Special Education – Evaluation Procedures

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

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Kellie Smith, Board Chair

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Scot Stockwell, Superintendent