

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
March 16, 2016**

The St. Helens School District #502 Board of Directors convened in a Regular Meeting on March 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office Board Room in Columbia County, Oregon. A recording of the meeting is available on the District web-page.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Gordon Jarman, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Board Vice Chair
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Melody Killens, Board Member
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Jessica Pickett, Business Manager
Kathi Gobel, Executive Assistant

Those absent were:

Jeff Howell, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Jarman asked for adjustments to the agenda; none were presented.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Melody Killens moved to approve the agenda, Kellie Smith seconded the motion; the agenda passed unanimously.

SHHS CHOIR PERFORMANCE

- Kevin Zmolek provided information on the benefits of music in curriculum. Both academic and post career successes are greater for those who include music in their foundational education. Mr Zmolek respectfully requested the Board's continued support of school music programs.
- Mr. Zmolek then introduced the premier high school singing group, SoundFX; Jesse Arthur, Alyson Blasier, Rahlenna Boylan, Heather Chambers, Kitara Church, Ivy Gaelrun-Sowell, Fernando Godinez, Keifer Linden, Jaxon Lagle, Beau Mason, Leif Nelson, Olea Opdahl, Hannah Patrick, Julie Robbins, Regan Tolman, Hayden Weitzel. The group performed an impressive acapella showcase rendition of a Boyz II Men song, which was very well received by the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Matt Freeman spoke in support of Oregon Battle of the Books, a competition amongst multi grade and district students that continues to the state level. It was pointed out that St. Helens has not been represented in the last two years and Mr. Freeman expressed a desire to rectify this in the future. He offered his time and support to the District.
- Mr. Stockwell expressed his knowledge and support of the program as well as sharing that he has already been looking into future participation. Some conversation ensued.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **5.1 General Fund Revenue & Expenditures Projection**
- **5.2 Operating Disbursement Report**
- **5.3 Human Resources Report March 2016**
- **5.4 Additional Administrative Staff Renewal 2016-17**
- **5.5 Meeting Minutes Summary from February 24, 2016**

Melody Killens pointed out that she did not vote yes on the opening of Columbia City School during the February 24, 2016 meeting. Ms. Killens respectfully requested the meeting minutes be amended to reflect

this. Ms. Killens also stated, for the record, that she wanted more information prior to casting a vote, she is in favor of opening the school, but requires more in-depth information prior to casting her vote.

Bill Amos moved to amend the minutes as suggested by Ms. Killens, Melody Killens seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Amos then moved to accepted the amended Consent Agenda, Melody Killens seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously to accept the amended Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Policy Updates – Second Reading
 - 6.1.1 GCDA/GDDA Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting
 - 6.1.2 IGAEB Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention, Health Education
 - 6.1.3 IKF Graduation Requirements
 - 6.1.4 JEBA Early Entrance
 - 6.1.5 DELETE – ILBA Assessment Exemption

The Board did not have any questions on the proposed policy updates.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 SHHS ASB Public Relations Report:
 - John Chabala was not able to be at the meeting to present his report.
- 7.2 CCEC Student Public Relations Report:
 - Devon Ducre reported on recent student illness delaying much of their work. However, the students collected over 200 cans to donate in their recent canned food drive, will be participating in the trestle beach clean-up this weekend, and attended a week long convention in Seattle recently.
- 7.3 CRYC Student Public Relations Report:
 - Cyan Morrison-Gray (Ben Tack was not present) & Zack ??? reported on their current potting project with the BLM, a recent field trip to the Portland courthouse where they learned about the justice system, and a hike they are going on tomorrow. Kevin Staley announced Cyan will graduate in two weeks.
- 7.4 Building Briefs:
 - High School – Ron Hernley reported on attendance & freshman track to graduation.
 - Lewis & Clark Elementary – Cathy Carson reported on the recent successful 5th grade music program, hosting high school student’s food bank senior project “Feed the Need”, that the OAKS Science testing is almost finished, winning another \$12,000 grant for Outdoor School, and invited the Board to 2nd grade tomorrow in search of Leprechauns.
 - McBride Elementary – Lisa Rawlings reported on a ‘success story’ about a Kindergarten student in example of the daily efforts and successes achieved by the school’s group effort approach (staff, students, and families).
 - Middle School – Carol Dowsett was excused to attend the Middle School choir concert.
- 7.5 SHSD 502 Business Report
 - 7.5.1 Jessica Pickett provided an update on the applicant search for the open budget committee vacancies.
- 7.6 Superintendent Report:

Mr. Stockwell first shared the exciting news that the District was awarded the Preschool Promise Grant and provided some background information as well as an overview of the other recent grant awards across the District.

 - 7.6.1 Scot Stockwell then presented the Board with a first step graphic rendering on District Values as completed at the latest Strategic Planning Committee work session and asked for Board input.

BOARD EDIT SUGGESTIONS:

 - Include the ‘N’ at the top of the compass
 - Remove the graphic circles on the four corners of the compass
 - Due to the positioning of the text “Charting A Path Ahead”, there is a visual misconception that the top arm of the compass looks off center

- Possibly remove the “Charting A Path...” phrase completely and utilize it in the Mission Statement step
 - If there could be a simplified version of the final product, it could be used for things such as embedding in sidewalks
 - Include “Compassion” in one of the quadrants
 - The sun design in the background is questionable; does it best reflect our schools?
 - Keep the quadrant text & entire design visually balanced
- Strategic Plan update – Mr. Stockwell reviewed the information on a potential Bond for the November 2016 or May 2017 ballot, and the state matching incentives offered at those times. The request for the Board’s direction on timing of a ballot was presented – a discussion ensued. The Board expressed interest and support of placing the Bond on the November 2016 ballot.
- 7.6.2 Ed Leader provided information and a demonstration on the proposed District mobile web application which would support the request to enhance District communications. Statistics show mobile access has surpassed Personal Computer use. Q & A ensued.
- 7.7 Policy Updates – First Reading
 - GCBDD/GDBDD Sick Time – Mr. Stockwell provided an explanation of the policy update and how it relates to the current collaborative contract negotiations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- None presented

ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Appoint Budget Committee Members

- The motion: Appoint Erik Tolleshaug to position #1, and Amanda Normine to position #2 as temporary one year assignments.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
9.1	Moved to approve	William Amos	X		
9.1	Seconded the motion	Melody Killens	X		
9.1		Jeff Howell			Absent
9.1		Gordon Jarman	X		
9.1		Kellie Smith	X		

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

April 13, 2016 – Work Session at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office

- SHHS Band Trip Update
- Strategic Planning – Mission & Vision Statements

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jarman adjourned the Board of Directors Regular Meeting at 8:04 p.m.


 Gordon Jarman, Board Chair


 Scot Stockwell, Superintendent

