

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors
Work Session
August 13, 2014

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room of the District, County and State on August 13, 2014.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Gordon Jarman, Board Chair
Marshall Porter, Board Vice Chair
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Ray Biggs, Board Member
Mark Davalos, Superintendent
Amanda Stuber, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Call to Order

Board Chair Gordon Jarman called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.

**AGENDA
APPROVAL**

Agenda Approval

Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ray Biggs second. The agenda unanimously carried.

**VISITORS
ADDRESS
THE BOARD**

Visitors Address the Board

Rick Deming addressed the Board regarding the SHSD Bid Process and gave a number of suggestions for improvement.

On behalf of Rich Bailey, Attorney at Law Robert Salisbury presented copies of and read a letter to Ray Biggs regarding statements made by Mr. Biggs at the July 9, 2014 School Board Meeting.

**SCHOOL
BOARD
STATEMENTS**

School Board Statement(s)

Board Chair Gordon Jarman issued a statement on behalf of the School Board explaining that comments made by Board Member Ray Biggs at the July 9, 2014 meeting were Mr. Biggs personal opinion not supported by fact and not supported by the School Board.

Board Member Ray Biggs provided a statement addressing comments made about Rich Bailey at the July 9th meeting.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

SHSD Mission Statement

Mr. Jarman requested Board Member input on a new SHSD Mission Statement to accompany the SHSD Vision Statement created at the July 23rd School Board Retreat that states: “The St. Helens School District believes that every student needs to have access to a world-class education. All students shall experience a welcoming and supportive environment that provides opportunities to become active citizens and responsible stewards. Students shall succeed at high levels of personal and academic achievement and be prepared for post-secondary opportunities and productive lives beyond graduation.”

Jeff Howell provided email input but no clear input from other Board Members was ready at the time of the meeting so Superintendent Davalos recommended connecting Mission Statement development to the Strategic Planning Process. The Board was in favor of the recommendation.

Superintendent Goals

The Board agreed to align the 2014-15 Superintendent Goals to the Board goals which will include:

- improved K-12 attendance rate,
- opening Columbia City School by fall 2015, and
- increase communication/community Relations.

Gordon Jarman also reminded the Board and Superintendent Davalos of the request for a school report from principals at Regular School Board Meetings. Superintendent Davalos acknowledged the reminder and agreed to provide draft goals at the next meeting.

Strategic Planning

Superintendent Davalos gave Strategic Planning information from OSBA and Vision Creation Consulting, and Board Member discussion concluded with a request for references from the two companies. Superintendent Davalos agreed to provide references at the next meeting.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

Upcoming Meeting Input

Agenda input for the August 27, 2014 Regular Meeting included:

- Strategic Planning
- Superintendent Goals
- Bid Policy
- Leadership Introductions
- Attendance Focus (Budget Resolution - \$80,000)

ADJOURN

Adjournment

The August 13, 2014 Work Session adjourned at 9:15 p.m.