



**St. Helens School District  
Board of Directors  
Work Session  
September 10, 2014**

Board Room - St. Helens School District Office  
474 North 16<sup>th</sup>  
St. Helens, OR 97051

**6:30 p.m. WORK SESSION**

**1.0 Call to Order .....Gordon Jarman, Board Chair**

**6:30 p.m.**

**2.0 Meeting Welcome .....Gordon Jarman, Board Chair**

**3.0 Agenda Approval .....Gordon Jarman, Board Chair**

**Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the agenda. Marshall Porter seconded.**

**Ray Biggs asked if the SHHS window replacement project is**

**4.0 Public Comment**

This is a time for public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. Normally the Board will not take any immediate action, but will refer concerns to the superintendent and ask him to report to the board. We appreciate keeping comments to 3 minutes per individual or 5 minutes if you are representing a group of patrons.

Please note: Under Oregon Revised Statutes, personnel concerns will not be discussed in a public meeting. If you have any concerns with school district personnel, please schedule a meeting with the superintendent.

SHHS Counselor, Kerry Marshall-Knight, expressed concern about the lack of support counseling staff receives by the District and

SHHS Counselor, Aaron Fugere, explained there has been concern with

Chair Jarman requested specific details on counseling staff job duties.

Items provided included testing

Tim Mosterdyke, McBride PTO Representative, provided photos of the summer work done to install the first section of (\$43,000) of the new playground structure at McBride Elementary School. Mr. Mosterdyke extended thanks to Knife River and the many volunteers for their part in the project thus far

**5.0 Reports and Discussion**

**5.1 Superintendent Report .....Mark Davalos, Superintendent**

**5.1.1 St. Helens School District Online Academy**

The St. Helens School District Online Academy model Superintendent Davalos reported on is be a district host model with a contract with ORVED.

5.1.2 Columbia City School

5.2 Facilities Committee .....Kellie Smith, Jeff Howell & Jared Plahn  
Jared Plahn provided a

Working w/Sherman Williams to complete the CRYC painting project. Lead certified workers would remove

Ray questioned status of the CC School roof

Ray spoke to local contractors who recommended breaking the window project down by one classroom at a time to abate asbestos and replace the windows. Jared explained how abatement contractors will not perform abatement work with students present.

Superintendent Goals .....Mark Davalos, Superintendent

5.2.1 Clarification of Target

Prior to Superintendent Davalos overview of the revisions made to his goals for 2014-15. Goal one includes

Strategic Planning Mark Davalos, Superintendent

Superintendent Davalos shared the collected references for Strategic Planning facilitation were shared with the Board for consideration.

K-12 Attendance Campaign..... Jeff Howell, Board Member

Board Member Howell revisited the need to improve attendance district-wide and advocated for appropriate staffing to ensure the improvement. In addition to attendance, Mr. Howell requested additional counseling staff to address student mental health needs and an intervention specialist.

Superintendent Davalos explained the following budget information

- Elementary attendance support cost = \$20,000
- Summer school FTE position still unassigned but is being held for class size balancing

Superintendent Davalos agreed to:

- three full time HS counselors & increasing the HS part time intervention specialist to full time
- 2 full time MS counselors
- part time attendance support to elementary support costs

Marshall Porter asked if the staffing changes are temporary or permanent. It was explained staffing is dependent on funding and budgeted.

District Vision & Mission Review ..... Gordon Jarman, Board Chair  
Chair Jarman revisited the Vision Statement as established at the July 23, 2014 School Board Retreat.

Do what's best for kids....

MP amended the agenda to add District Vision & Mission to action. Jeff Howell seconded.

Unanimous.

**6.0 Action Items**

6.1 Attendance Budget

Jeff Howell entered a motion to fund Superintendent Davalos proposal to add two (2) 3.5 hour elementary attendance positions, add .5 FTE to the MS and HS .5 FTE counseling positions, and increase the HS intervention specialist from part time to full time. Kellie Smith seconded.

Mr. Porter expressed caution since class sizes are unknown.

6.2 Strategic Planning Contract

Marshall Porter entered a motion to approve Vision Creation Consulting for Strategic Planning. Gordon Jarman seconded.

Kellie Smith questioned when the process would

Unanimously carried.

District Vision & Goals.

MP moved to approve the July 23, 2014 developed Vision Statement. Kellie Smith seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

6.3

**7.0 Upcoming Meeting Input – September 24, 2014 Regular Meeting**

- 7.1 ASB Introductions
- 7.2 School Reports (Brief Update)
- 7.3 Superintendent Goals (Action)
- 7.4 Tom's Driving Academy Facility Use (Discussion & Action)
- 7.5 McBride PTO Playground Project Presentation
- 7.6 10-Day Attendance Report

**8.0 Adjourn ..... Gordon Jarman, Board Chair**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

September 11.....L&C Back to School Night ..... 5:30 -7:00 p.m. .... L&C School  
 September 11.....McBride Back to School Night ..... 5:45– 7:15 p.m. McBride School  
 September 11.....SHSD Facilities Committee ..... 10:00 a.m. .... District Office  
 September 10 & 24 ..... K – 12 Early Release  
 September 22 – 24 ..... McBride 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School  
 September 24.....SHHS Back to School Night ..... 6:00 p.m.....SHHS

**September 24..... School Board Regular Meeting..... 6:30 p.m. .... District Office**