

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
February 25, 2015**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room of the District, County and State on February 25, 2015.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Gordon Jarman, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Board Vice Chair
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Ray Biggs, Board Member
Jeff Howell, Board Member
Mark Davalos, Superintendent
Jessica Pickett, Business Manager
Kristi Ward, Interim Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Gordon Jarman called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ray Biggs entered a motion to amend the agenda as follows:

- Change agenda item 8.2 to All options: Columbia City School

Bill Amos seconded. The motion amending 8.2 carried unanimously.

Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the agenda as follows:

- Add item 7.1: Discussion

Kellie Smith seconded. The motion amending the agenda to add item 7.1 Discussion carried unanimously.

Ray Biggs entered a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Bill Amos seconded. The motion to accept the agenda as amended carried unanimously.

SWEARING IN INTERIM BOARD MEMBER

Bill Amos took an oath to serve in Position 5 of the St. Helens School District Board of Directors.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Heidi Green spoke to the Board regarding the condition of the McBride playground.
- Traci Brumbles thanked the Board for their response to the Adolescent Sexuality Conference attendance.
- Keith Meeuwsen reported to the Board regarding the start of the St. Helens City Youth Council.
- Kyle Boggs spoke on behalf of the St. Helens Boosters Club to express their support for the QZAB process and related projects.
- Melody Killens posed some questions to the Board regarding the QZAB loan.
- Bert Mueller expressed his support for purchasing a turf field at the High School.
- Jack Carter expressed his support for the efforts of the Boosters Club and purchasing a turf field.
- Bridgett Harkins expressed her concern regarding needed repairs on the CCEC campus.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Projection
- Operating Disbursement Report
- Human Resources Report - February 2015
- Teacher/Administrator Contract Renewal Report
- Student Enrollment Information

Kellie Smith seconded. The motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Sarah Thurston provided an update regarding the current events at SHHS.
- BG Aguirre reported regarding the activities and achievements of SHHS staff and students.
- Carol Dowsett reported regarding current events and the accomplishments of SHMS staff and students.
- Karla Thompson provided a school-based report regarding CCEC.
- Karla Thompson provided a report regarding the St. Helens Online Academy (SHOA).
- Paul Peterson reported regarding the ESD Service contract with the St. Helens School District.
- Superintendent Davalos provided the Board with an update about the QZAB process.
- Superintendent Davalos reported regarding Open Enrollment (HB 3681).
- Superintendent Davalos restated his recommendation to configure Columbia City School as a K-6 in the fall of 2015.
- Kellie Smith and Jeff Howell provided an update regarding the activities of the Facilities Committee.

- Lisa Rawlings and Jared Plahn provided an update regarding the new playground equipment on the McBride playground.
- Jeff Howell commented on the 2015-16 calendar.
- Gordon Jarman commented on Social Media usage by Board Members.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No public input was given.

Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the agenda to add Action Item 8.3: Open Enrollment. Jeff Howell seconded. The motion to add Open Enrollment as Action Item 8.3 carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Elect Board of Directors 502 Vice Chair

Ray Biggs nominated Bill Amos to fill the Board of Directors 502 Vice Chair. Kellie Smith seconded. The motion to elect Bill Amos as the Board of Directors 502 Vice Chair passed unanimously.

8.2 Columbia City School

Ray Biggs entered a motion to configure the Columbia City School as a K-6 and move the district office staff to Columbia City. The motion was not seconded.

Bill Amos entered a motion to configure the Columbia City School as a K-6, form a design group for CCEC not to exceed \$50,000 for planning, and set a goal to reduce classroom size at McBride, create an open intradistrict policy for the K-6 schools and reduce class sizes across the district to 26 or fewer. Kellie Smith seconded.

The vote failed to carry as follows: Kellie Smith, yes; Gordon Jarman, yes; Jeff Howell, no; Ray Biggs, no; Bill Amos, no.

Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the agenda by adding CCEC to Action Item 8.4. Jeff Howell seconded. The motion to add 8.4 to the Action Item portion of the agenda carried unanimously.

Bill Amos entered a motion to configure the Columbia City School as a K-6, establish an intradistrict transfer policy, and set a goal of 3-10% population reduction at McBride Elementary. Kellie Smith seconded. The motion to configure the Columbia City School as a K-6, establish an intradistrict transfer policy, and set a goal of 3-10% population reduction at McBride Elementary carried as follows: Kellie Smith, yes; Gordon Jarman, yes; Bill Amos, yes; Jeff Howell, yes; Ray Biggs, no.

8.3 Open Enrollment

Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the revised Open Enrollment recommendation from the Superintendent which reads: “I recommend that the SHSD Board, regarding the “Open Enrollment (HB 3681) declaration requirement for policy JECB, declare forty (40) total openings across grades K-12 for the 2015-16 school year with the exclusion of Kindergarten classes, CCEC and CRYC. The forty (40) openings will be dependent on grade level class size; averages never to exceed our targeted district limit.” Bill Amos seconded. The motion to approve the revised Open Enrollment recommendation as it reads here carried unanimously.

8.4 Discuss CCEC

Kellie Smith entered a motion requesting professional short and long-term plan options for the improvement of CCEC be developed by professional planners and submitted to the board. Bill Amos seconded. Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the motion to include a limit of \$50,000 from the contingency fund for the preliminary planning process. The motion requesting the administration provide professional short and long-term planning options for the improvement of CCEC, not to exceed \$50,000 carried as follows: Bill Amos, yes; Kellie Smith, yes; Gordon Jarman, yes; Jeff Howell, yes; Ray Biggs, abstain.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

March 19 Regular Meeting Agenda Items

- Select Strategic Planning Dates
- Budget Priorities
- Select Budget Committee Members
- CCEC Options
- Arthur Academy Trending Report
- Preliminary Boundary Report

ADJOURNMENT

Gordon Jarman adjourned the Regular Board of Directors Meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Gordon Jarman, Board Chair

Mark Davalos, Superintendent