

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
April 8, 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 April 8, 2015.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Gordon Jarman, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Board Vice Chair
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Ray Biggs, Board Member
Mark Davalos, Superintendent
Jessica Pickett, Business Manager
Kathi Gobel, Executive Assistant
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

Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kellie Smith seconded. The motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

COMMENTS

Gordon Jarman commented on the start of the Superintendent search, and the need to approve a 2015-16 community calendar. He suggested the board change all work sessions scheduled for the remainder of the year to include "Regular" in the title, so that action items could be addressed at each. He noted that the votes for the Budget Committee applicants had not been announced for each member publicly at the previous meeting, so will now be posted in the minutes from that meeting.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Deborah Parsons addressed the board about the recent report from Salem regarding the budget. She suggested that in light of that new information, the Board reconsider replacing the football field and opening Columbia City School.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Ron Hernley presented the Board with information regarding the ELA shifts at SHHS, as well as current activities and events.
- Carol Dowsett updated the Board about activities, outreaches and events taking place at SHMS. Rycca Loosli and Jessica Clark, members of the MS Slamboo club, performed oral poetry pieces for the Board and attendees.
- Jessica Pickett provided the Board with an update regarding the development of the Budget Committee and the timeline for the budget process.
- Jessica Pickett, Superintendent Davalos and Jared Plahn detailed for the Board a need that has arisen at Lewis and Clark Elementary for an expanded seclusion room. She suggested funds for this project come from the district contingency fund.
- Superintendent Davalos provided the Board with updated information regarding the QZAB loan process.
- Superintendent Davalos relayed the recommendations of the 2015-16 Calendar Committee to the Board. The committee recommended a calendar that includes a post-Labor Day start, and emergency closure make up days added on June 20th and 21st.
- Gordon Jarman reminded the Board to continue to read for the purpose of revision policies:
 - EBB - Integrated Pest Management (Required)
 - EEA – Student Transportation Services (Required)
 - EFA - Local Wellness Program
 - EFAA – District Nutrition and Food Services (Required)
 - EFAA-AR – Reimbursable School Meals and Milk Programs (Required)
 - GBDA – Mother Friendly Workplace (Required)
 - GBM – Staff Complaints (Required)

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Melody Killens inquired whether the QZAB was really a loan or a type of bond. Jessica Pickett and Superintendent Davalos responded that it is a loan and provided some details.

Action Items

- Ray Biggs entered a motion to approve the funds for the Seclusion Room expansion at Lewis and Clark Elementary come from the district contingency fund. Gordon Jarman seconded. The motion to fund the Seclusion Room expansion at Lewis and Clark Elementary from the district contingency fund passed unanimously.
- Bill Amos entered a motion to adopt 2015-16 Community Calendar 1a (to include a post-Labor Day start with two snow days added on June 20th and 21st if needed), per the recommendation of the Calendar Committee. Kellie Smith seconded the motion. The motion to adopt 2015-16 Community Calendar 1a passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

April 22, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda Items

- SHHS ASB Report
- School Updates: CCEC, CRYC
- Elementary Grade Level Report
- SHHS Robotics Team Demonstration

ADJOURNMENT

The April 8, 2015 Work Session adjourned at 8:44 p.m.