

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors
Budget Hearing / Regular Board Meeting
June 10, 2015**

The St. Helens School District #502 Board of Directors convened in a Budget Hearing on June 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room in Columbia County, Oregon.

PRESENT

Those present were:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Gordon Jarman called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute. Jarman asked for adjustments to agenda, none were presented.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented - Jeff Howell seconded the motion. The motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING – 2015-16 BUDGET

- 3.1 Proposed 2015-16 Budget Overview
- Superintendent Davalos recognized and expressed thanks to the budget committee
- Superintendent Davalos provided recap of proposed 15-16 budget and the steps to take to approve said budget

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED 2015-16 BUDGET

- None presented

ADJOURNMENT

Jarman adjourned the Budget Hearing at 6:36pm to reconvene in a regular meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER

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AGENDA APPROVAL

Ray Biggs entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented - Jeff Howell seconded the motion. The motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Budget Committee Minutes for May 19 & May 29
 - Jessica Pickett explained that the minutes will be available at the June 24 meeting
 - Bill Amos moved to remove item 4.1 from the agenda, Jeff Howell seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (to be included in June 24 agenda)
- 4.2 Regular Board Minutes Summary for May 27
- 4.3 Approval of 2015-16 Budget by Budget Committee

Jeff Howell made a motion to approve the adjusted Consent Agenda, Ray Biggs seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- 5.1 School Update:
 - 5.1.1 SHHS – Cris Gwilliam
 - Reported on Smarter Balance Assessment
 - Data began to be released on June 2
 - Official data will be published mid to late summer (preliminary results are promising)
 - October state report card is issued
 - Attendance at 90.83% - short of 92% goal
 - Results from new attendance intervention process is not yet evident
 - Improving senior attendance will be a target focus next year
 - 169 students graduated and walked, 3 chose not to walk (24 student did not graduate includes SpED) – 17 students were .5 credit short and will finish summer
 - Interventions are in place to get those more than .5 credit short
 - 5.1.2 SHMS – Carol Dowsett
 - Walking Evacuation Drill was held and plans for improvements were set
 - Church & Police participated
 - EOY assembly tomorrow with various awards, including one provided by student fundraiser, presented
 - Students say good-byes after lunch
 - Working on next year staffing schedules
 - Thank you to Board Members for helping last week on facility improvements
 - Would like to see removal of awning over walk-way IF a large covered recreation area can be built

- Completing testing today for students who were not at school during regular times
 - Site Council 'ran' with a school Facebook account and created wonderful presence
- 5.2 School Report:
 - 5.2.1 Lewis & Clark - McBride
 - Cathy Carson introduced Barb Shriver and shared with regard to mathematics implementation at the schools
 - Barb shared PowerPoint presentation; new standards/new curriculum, EngageNY (free to all in line with Common Core) curriculum is direction many are going, K-2 test group exhibited phenomenal success with EngageNY, program progresses through the grades, some video examples of daily activity was provided, the program helps students understand how to solve problems rather than memorizing how to solve a problem, implementing the program was overwhelming for staff – students understood quickly, now all staff are very excited with results, program requires approximately 90 min/day and is best absorbed if broken up into segments, out of curiosity staff decided to test Kinders and 78% passed the 1st grade MCOMP test (there is no Kinder test), 4-5 graders will have the most difficulty next year as they have not seen this program yet.
- 5.3 Graduation Exercises Policy
 - Chair Jarman explained historical procedures and current issues surrounding these policies
 - Policy IKF-AR has been updated to 2013 revision on the web site
 - 9th grade is when the largest number of students fail and fall behind – a recovery program is needed for these students (funding is needed). AVID, a nationwide recovery program was explained.
 - Jarman asked what are we doing as intervention – Gwilliam provided feedback
 - BYU online was explained (Kellie Smith asked for failure rates of students taking these classes) – Gwilliam interjected that a very small number of students excel in online classes
 - Jeff Howell asked if the ability to challenge a class has been addressed – Gwilliam provided answer that included Credit for Proficiency
 - SHHS Student Handbook includes language that addresses Credit for Proficiency and will be reviewed this summer
- 5.4 Superintendent Report
 - 5.4.1 Human Resources Report
 - Information on retirees was provided
 - Resignations will be provided at the next meeting
 - Years of Service staff will be honored at the EOY Party tomorrow
 - 5.4.2 Declaration of May 19, 2015 Election Results
 - Newly elected positions 2 & 5 were qualified and announced
- 5.5 Superintendent Search Update
 - Thanks were given to Kellie Smith & Ray Biggs for negotiating the contract with Superintendent finalist, Scot Stockwell
 - Laura Jackson provided a brief update on the current status of Supt Search

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- None presented
- The Board thanked Ray Biggs for his years of service

ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Adopt 2015-16 Budget; Make Appropriations, Impose Tax Levy, Categorize Tax by Category

- Jessica Pickett read budget resolutions
- Columbia City debt requested by Ray Biggs – approximately \$600K
- PE position and Tech positions added back
- Jeff Howell ask the Board to consider replacing the two attendance positions at elementary schools and a position at the middle school – and requested to explore this in July

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.1	Moved to Adopt 2015-16 Budget	William Amos	X		
7.1		Ray Biggs	X		
7.1		Jeff Howell	X		
7.1		Gordon Jarman	X		
7.1	Seconded Motion	Kellie Smith	X		

7.2 Approve Superintendent Contract and offer position

- Mr. Scot Stockwell was offered the Superintendent contract and accepted at 8:24pm
- All parties signed the approved contract

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7.2		William Amos	X		
7.2	Moved to Approve Contract and Offer Position	Ray Biggs	X		
7.2	Seconded Motion	Jeff Howell	X		
7.2		Gordon Jarman	X		
7.2		Kellie Smith	X		

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

- June 11.....EOY Staff Party 2:00 pm..... SHHS Cafeteria
- June 24.....Regular Board Meeting 6:30 pm..... District Office
 - School Update: SHHS, SHMS
 - School Report: McBride and Lewis & Clark

Address the renewal of the Facilities Committee
 Discuss School Board Meeting Calendar for 15-16

- Bill Amos requested the 2016-17 school calendar be addressed during the summer in the hopes of releasing it earlier to staff

ADJOURNMENT

Gordon Jarman adjourned the Regular Board of Directors Meeting at 8:24p.m.



 Gordon Jarman, Board Chair

 Mark Davalos, Superintendent