

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
August 11, 2008**

The District School Board of School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened a work session at 6:30 in the Administration Office of the District, County and State on August 11, 2008.

Those present were:

David Morrisson, Board Chair
Rebecca Wallace, Board Vice Chair
Benita Saatvedt, Board Member
Bill Crist, Board Member
Patricia Adams, Superintendent
Terri Burns, Director of Operations and Finance
Amanda Stuber, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Brian Dickerson Nanette Hagen

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Agenda Approval

Bill Crist moved to approve the agenda as presented. With no second to Mr. Crist's motion, the motion failed.

Rebecca Wallace entered a motion to remove action item 4.3 from the agenda and discuss the item in executive session. The agenda item in question was not covered by statute that would allow for executive session discussion and remained on the agenda as presented.

Rebecca Wallace moved to approve the agenda as provided. Benita Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Discussions

High School Science Textbook Adoption

Superintendent Adams announced that this year is the science textbook adoption cycle and explained why the other grade levels were not up for approval at this meeting.

Brian Dickerson from the St. Helens High School was introduced and Mr. Dickerson provided a report to the board on the textbook selection process that led the committees recommended selection. The first step explained included the review of the current science curriculum at the middle and high school levels and a comparison of the state standards.

The second step included the development of new science electives since the recent mandate of three science credits. During this step a proactive approach was taken and the new courses were developed and will be offered during the 2008-2009 school year.

The final step was the textbook selection that included the entire high school science department. Some of the selections include classroom sets of textbooks and online versions students can access at home. For students who do not have internet access at home, additional copies can be checkout from the library. Mr. Dickerson explained that the savings

from this decision has remained in the classroom in the form of digital projectors, smart-boards, and document cameras.

Following questions from the board on why the committee chose certain publishers, Superintendent Adams noted that when a textbook adoption is done, it is a nationwide adoption and not all publishers are inline with each state's standards.

2008 Bond Discussion

Terri Burns provided a summary of various questions from inquires made at the July 28th Special Meeting that pertain to a bond package during the November 2008 election. In the summary it was noted that it is more costly to take bits of pieces of various projects and there would be a cost savings in the long run through energy efficient updates. Previous bond packages and proposed bond packages were also reviewed.

During discussion on going out for both a bond and a local option levy, Superintendent Adams added that district's going for both in the same election is not a common practice and there is currently one district attempting to do so during the upcoming election.

Mrs. Wallace expressed discomfort with a bond and a levy.

Mr. Crist noted that a \$19 million package is more appealing to the public than the \$23 million package.

Mrs. Burns cautioned the board that when a maintenance project starts on an old facility, many risks are associated with the project. One project could lead to another unplanned cost that could result in not being able to complete other projects.

The discussion concluded with the board being in favor of the \$19 million bond package for the remodel projects at the middle school only.

Capital Reserve Fund & Construction Excise Tax

Mrs. Burns provided an update on the capital reserve fund and construction excise tax. The capital reserve fund currently has a balance of \$510,000 and it was recommended the district use money from the account to add surveillance cameras at the middle and high school, a backup generator to the middle school, and bleachers to the high schools existing weight room.

Mr. Crist requested the projects fall inline with the bond campaign.

Mr. Morrisson recommended the district contact Miller Electronics as an electronic vendor.

Mrs. Wallace questioned the cumulative cost from the vandalism and theft throughout the school year.

Mrs. Burns explained that without the generator at the middle school it could be potentially dangerous in the event of loosing phones and computer communications. Mrs. Burns will check with CEPA for community funds to assist with this since the community often uses the facility for emergency situations.

Future projects include the development of a five year maintenance plan to address major maintenance projects and Mrs. Burns added she will be bringing the plan back to the board as the plan progresses.

Mr. Morrisson recommended adding community members from the construction industry to the building of the maintenance plan.

Action Items

High School User Fees

Mrs. Wallace moved to accept the high school user fees. Mr. Crist seconded.

Mrs. Hagen addressed the 2008-2009 high school fees and explained the presented fees are fees families have been paying and were published in the high school's curriculum guide.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approve High School Science Textbooks

Bill Crist moved to approve the High School Science Textbook Adoption as follows:

Glencoe Publishing	Physical Science
	Biology (CCEC, HS & AP)
	Chemistry
	Physics
Adopt-A-Stream Foundation	Ecology I & II
Cengage Learning	Marine Biology
Kendall-Hunt	Current Events/Science Tech.
McGraw-Hill	Anatomy & Physiology

Rebecca Wallace seconded. The motion carried as follows: Bill Crist, yes; Rebecca Wallace, yes; Benita Saatvedt, yes; and David Morrisson, no.

Board Member Conference Reimbursement

Bill Crist moved to approve conference reimbursement of Board Member Conference Reimbursement. The motion failed after not having a second to the motion.

During discussion on the item it was determined the conference was not approved for reimbursement due to a lack of board approval before attending.

July 7, 2008 Organizational Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Wallace moved to approve the July 7, 2008 organizational meeting minutes. Bill Crist seconded.

Benita Saatvedt noted her name was misspelled on page 4 and the misspelling will be corrected. The motion carried as follows: Bill Crist - yes, Rebecca Wallace - yes, Benita Saatvedt - yes, and David Morrisson - no.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent