

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
November 24, 2008**

The District School Board of School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office of the District, County and State on November 24, 2008.

Those present were:

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

Guests:

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| Ryan Winters | Jeri Deady | Lisa Rawlings |
| Cathy Carson | Jamie Kingery | Joanna Rau |
| Nanette Hagen | Judy Valpiani | Karla Thompson |
| Alina Dolyniuk | BG Aguirre | Lori Thompson |
| Pete Craemer | Bruce Carvalho | Tony Simons |

April Baumberg, The Chronicle

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 November 24, 2008 regular meeting agenda. Rebecca Wallace seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

None.

Consent Agenda

Rebecca Wallace moved and Jana Mann seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes of the Work Session – November 10, 2008
Human Resources Report – November 2008
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Projection
Estimate of State and School Support for School Year
Student Enrollment/Attendance Information
Accident Report – October 2008

Mrs. Burns provided a summary of the financial and enrollment reports and asked the board to consider the way the monthly financial reports are provided to the board.

Following board discussion on the monthly financial reports it was decided that a larger font will be provided on the reports, graphs with actual versus projected differences will be provided.

The motion carried unanimously.

Special Recognition

Cathy Carson acknowledged and recognized Lonnie Nolan from Columbia Electric Feed & Seed. Mrs. Carson explained that a new teacher recently went to Columbia Electric Feed and Seed to purchase a classroom guinea pig. Mr. Nolan graciously contributed to the purchase of the equipment needed for the make up of a home for the new classroom pet that is being enjoyed by all.

Reports and Discussions

St. Helens High School ASB Report

ASB Public Relations Officer Alina Dolyniuk reported the Winter Festival planning is under way. Winter Festival activities are scheduled during the week of December 15th through 19th and this year's theme is Frosty Frenzy. The Winter Festival Court has been voted on and announced and the assembly will be held at 1:35 p.m. on Friday, December 19th.

TAG Update

Judy Valpiani began a report on the St. Helens School District Talented and Gifted program with the explanation that although no state funding is provided to local districts, TAG services are mandated by federal and state law. Items reviewed in the report included a review of the characteristics and identification process of a talented and gifted child, the current TAG services provided, and the role of TAG liaisons was reviewed and each building's liaison was announced. The report was concluded with the current TAG student counts in the district.

Following board discussion on the TAG program, Superintendent Adams explained she recently allotted some supply funds to the TAG program and the Arts Panel. These funds came from cashing in ESD service credits. It was also explained that during the 2009-2010 budgeting process the board will have to consider what level of funding they will allot to the TAG program and, if additional funding is allotted to the program, the board will have to determine what area in the budget they will reduce.

Lewis & Clark Intermediate Report Card

Cathy Carson presented a report on the recently revised Lewis & Clark Intermediate report card. It was explained the revamping of the report card started during the reconfiguration process last school year and was completed with the 2008-2009 school year calendar change from trimesters to quarters. The previously used report card was compared to the new report card and the board received samples.

Jamie Kingery reviewed the new report card's connection to eSIS and the time it saves staff during the grade reporting process. Previously the report cards were hand written. The new report card format is a template in eSIS and the data is easily extracted straight from the system. Staff has received training on how to use the new report card and those who have struggled with the use of eSIS have assistance available to them.

December Board Meeting Date

Superintendent Adams requested the board consider moving the December 8th regular meeting to December 15th. There is an all day Strategic Planning Session on December 8th and Superintendent Adams will have more information on the budget forecast that will be provided at the December 12th funding coalition. More information as to how it will impact the 2008-2009 school year will be available at that time.

The board was in favor of moving the December 8th board meeting to December 15th at 6:30 p.m. The board secretary will notify the press of the date change.

State Revenue Forecast

Superintendent Adams reported on the recent 2008-2009 funding estimate reductions that have been forwarded to the school districts. The estimates being provided have included \$123 to \$103 per student. The estimates include a reduction in the local revenue, the general and lottery fund, and the School Improvement Fund. The figures are expected to continue to fluctuate and more accurate figures for the 2008-2009 budget are anticipated in December. The estimates are being closely watched and Superintendent Adams added that although the district's goals will continue to be a focus, the achievement of the goals may look differently.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

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Ryan Winters requested information the Strategic Planning session.

Superintendent Adams explained the first of three sessions is scheduled for Monday, December 8th. Attendance is open to the public; however, participation is limited at this time to a group of invited individuals.

Superintendent and Board Communication & Correspondence

In the November 24th board meeting packet a copy of the various site council meeting minutes and emails received during the month of November was included. Mr. Morrisson acknowledged receipt and added that all emails have been acted on.

Upcoming Meeting Input

No upcoming meeting input was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent