

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2009**

The District School Board of School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened a work session at 6:45 p.m. in the Administration Office of the District, County and State on January 12, 2009.

Those present were:

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

Guests:

Tonya Arnold	Dot Russell	Michelle Johnson
Cathy Carson	Lori Thompson	Michelle Johnson
Kelly Mickelson	Diana Peterson	Alex Anderson
Terri Fields	Ron Barnett	Stuart Rigall
Jamie Kingery	Tracy Barker	Carrie McCallum
Sara Hahnel	Kyla Tompkins	Jackie Smith
Jared Larson	Erik Schmauss	Terri Anderson
Kelly Mickeson	April Bamburg, The Chronicle	
Marleen Zytniowski		

Call to Order & Executive Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and adjourned into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (f) to discuss matters relating to personnel records. The public was not permitted to attend.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The work session was called to order at 6:45 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Agenda Approval

Bill Crist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Benita Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Recognitions

Alex Anderson - Kelly Mickelson from the St. Helens Middle School recognized St. Helens High School student Alex Anderson. Ms. Mickelson explained that after a teacher came into her classroom seeking warm clothing Alex returned to the high school and gathered clothing from a number of students. The next day Alex brought Ms. Mickelson large garbage bags and boxes full of warm clothing and coats. Alex was honored with a certificate of appreciation and he was commended for his generosity.

St. Helens High School Drama Club – The St. Helens High School drama club provided the board information on the two different drama clubs and their activities. Student Kyla Tompkins reviewed the various events the two clubs host. Jacqueline Smith shared the community

events the club participates in. Jared Larson discussed their experiences at various festivals and competitions. Erik Schmauss reviewed awards the club has accumulated over the last couple of years. Mr. Barnett concluded the recognition and report with the announcement that 13 students will be inducted into the society next week which will increase the membership to 50 students and a short video of the club's students and activities was shared.

National School Board Recognition Month – Superintendent Patricia Adams announced that January is School Board Recognition Month and read the Governor's 2009 Proclamation. It was also announced that each school will be hosting a board member for a block of activities and lunch and the board will be honored at the January 26th meeting.

Benita Saatvedt noted she will be absent from the January work session and shared information on an invitation to Washington DC.

Reports and Discussions

Lewis & Clark Music Program

Lewis & Clark Intermediate Music Instructor Stuart Rigall shared his trainings and experience in music education. Mr. Rigall explained that in teachings he teaches a wide variety of music, a variety of instruments, music survival skills, as well as music careers. His goal is to connect music in the students mind to fun, to be a positive music link, to leave a legacy of kids who love music, and to be a positive influence in students who he teachers.

Superintendent Adams asked Mr. Rigall how his program fits in with the building goal in the area of Reading. Mr. Rigall explained how his teaching approach touches on the goals and how his teaching of music enter-twines with a variety of subjects.

Lewis & Clark Speech Program

Terri Fields shared a presentation on the Lewis & Clark Intermediate Speech program. The presentation began with an explanation of the role of Speech Language Pathologists and information on the Lewis & Clark Intermediate speech room was shared. Activities the L&C Speech program participates in include American Indian Heritage Month through narrative studies, Poetry Month, ABC Books, and the reading of The Invention of Hugo Cabret and Wizard of Oz. During Halloween the room was decorated and students created Halloween Brew through the creation of ingredient lists using words that start with the letters B, R, E and W. The next big project the LC Speech program will participate in is a virtual class vacation to Yellowstone National Park.

Superintendent Adams shared her experiences while visiting the classroom during the Halloween Brew activity and Cathy Carson commented on the student excitement and the program's success.

Instructional Days

Superintendent reviewed the state required instructional hours and provided a report on the district's instructional hours since the weather related loss of four instructional days. Due to the lost classroom time the morning kindergarten is barely meeting the state requirement and the high school is short one day. Superintendent Adams explained she will be working with the administrative team on a proposal that will include a plan to make up of some of the lost days. The proposal will be presented to the board at the January 26th meeting.

Mr. Morrisson stressed the need to share the information with staff.

Superintendent Adams explained she has held staff meetings at each of the buildings and the message the board received was delivered to all the buildings at that time. To date, no input has been provided on a preference of how to make up the days.

Budget Committee Vacancy

Mrs. Burns explained Carol Ford's budget committee position expired June 30th and requested that the board declare the position vacant so the district could begin the application process.

Mr. Morrisson declared the position vacant. Mrs. Burns was then asked to move forward with public notification and collecting applications.

First Reading Policy Revisions

Mr. Morrisson announced board policies BBAA, BG, BHD, CCB, GBD, IJ and JFG are on the agenda as a first reading for revisions and asked if the board had any immediate input.

Mrs. Saatvedt requested clarifying language be added to who will be present during searches as outlined in paragraph seven of policy JFG.

Action Items

Approval of December 8, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 special meeting. Benita Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of December 16, 2008 Emergency Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008 emergency meeting. Benita Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Meeting Input

Benita Saatvedt requested communication problems between the board and community and the board in general, the TAG program, a report on all sports injuries, and rearranging the board room furniture be added to a future meeting agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent