

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
January 26, 2009**

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 January 26, 2009.

Those present were:

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

Guests:

Pete Craemer	Earl Fischer	Jim Mabbott
Bruce Carvalho	Telka Peterson	Diana Peterson
Nanette Hagen	Joanna Rau	Lisa Rawlings
Jeri Deady	Judy Valpiani	Marleen Zytniowski
Lori Thompson		
Cecelia Haack, The Spotlight		
April Bamburg, The Chronicle		

Call to Order

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

Agenda Approval

Prior to agenda approval Mr. Morrisson removed discussion items K-6 Neighborhood Schools and Bond May 2009 to allow for input on the subjects by all board members.

Rebecca Wallace moved to approve the January 26, 2009 regular meeting agenda as modified. Bill Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

None.

Consent Agenda

Bill Crist moved and Rebecca Wallace seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Human Resources Report – December 2008
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Projection
Student Enrollment/Attendance Information
Accident Report – December 2008

The motion carried unanimously.

School Board Recognition

At the January work session the month of January was declared School Board Recognition Month. Throughout the month each school hosted a board member and each member visited the host school for an afternoon or morning of events and lunch. Each building also made a gift for their assigned board member and the gifts were presented at the meeting. Superintendent Adams also presented the board with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Oregon School Boards Association and cake was served.

Reports and Discussions

NWRESD 2007-2008 Annual Report

NWRESD Board Chair Earl Fisher began presentation of the NWRESD 2007-2008 Annual Report with a brief recognition of the St. Helens School Board then introduced NWRESD Superintendent Jim Mabbott.

Mr. Mabbott brought the board's attention to the section of the report that outlines the ESD's accomplishments in 2007-2008 and the key focus areas of 2008-2009. Other areas of the report briefly reviewed included the financial overview, service credit allocations, and core services outlined on pages seven and eight. The Columbia County section provides a detailed explanation of the county school district's participation in NWRESD programs and services, the service credit utilization, and additional services purchased. An error on page 36 was discovered by Rebecca Wallace and it was confirmed that the actual number under OSBA dinner was \$12.00, not \$4,634.68.

Mr. Mabbott also brought the board's attention to the later board agenda item, the NWRESD 2009-10 Local Service Plan, and explained the resolution adoption due date is March 1st.

Mr. Fisher concluded the report with the extension of an invited to attend an ESD board meeting.

2008-2009 Instructional Days

Superintendent Adams reported that at the January work session the instructional hours of each school and the board policy on instructional days was reviewed. Due to the district's loss of four instructional days in December Superintendent Adams made the recommendation to reinstate two of the four days. This recommendation would move the last day of school to Friday June 12th and the June 11th teacher work day to Monday June 15th. Should the district lose another day, the elimination of the conference day in April could be considered.

Mrs. Wallace questioned the option of shortening Spring Break.

Superintendent Adams explained this had been considered by local superintendents, but it is the general consensus that a majority of families leave town at some point in the break which could result in low attendance rates because of financial commitments to purchased vacation packages. It was also explained the recommendation has been communicated to staff at building staff meetings and they were encouraged to attend tonight's meeting to give public comment on the matter.

Telka Peterson, OSEA President, added she too sent a message to the classified staff and has received no input on the matter.

No public input was given to the board at the meeting.

Community Youth Survey

Jeri Deady presented the board the Spring 2008 Communities That Care Youth Survey and reviewed highlights of each category of grade levels 6, 8, 10 and 12. The survey summarizes findings from the St. Helens community and assesses student involvement in a specific set of problem behaviors that have been shown to influence the likelihood of academic success, school dropout, substance abuse, violence, delinquency, and teen pregnancy. It was noted the survey information is extremely helpful when applying for grants and with identifying areas of concern that may need to be focused on through programs in the district.

NWRESD 2009-10 Local Service Plan

Superintendent Adams reviewed the proposed NWRESD 2009-10 Local Service Plan. The services provided from the ESD include ELL services, technology support, special education services, professional development, and school improvement services. Superintendent Adams expressed her strong support of the plan and the partnership with ESD and explained the resolution has a due date of March 1.

Budget Committee Vacancy

Mr. Morrisson reported the board declared the current budget committee vacancy open at the January 12th work session and announced one application has been received. The applicant is the incumbent of the position, Carol Ford.

Second Reading Proposed Policy Revisions

The second reading of proposed revisions to board policies BBAA, BG, BHD, CCB, GBD, IJ, and JFG occurred.

Mrs. Wallace requested the following:

1. More information and a report on the referenced Oregon Department of Education's *Framework for Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program for Pre-Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade* in policy IJ.
2. Clarifying language be added to who will be present for student searches in policy JFG.
3. The district to consider the addition of adding parents to being present for student searches.

Superintendent Adams noted arrangements will be made for request one; clarification will be added as requested in item two; and she will request input from the administrative team, legal counsel, and the school resource officer regarding request three.

ACTION ITEMS

2008-2009 Instructional Days Recommendation

Rebecca Wallace entered a motion to add two days to the end of the 2008-2009 school year calendar and to move the teacher work day to Monday June 15th. Bill Crist seconded.

This motion moves the Wednesday June 10th last day of school to Friday June 12th to make up the loss of two of the four weather related school closures.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2008-2009 Number 12 – Resolution Authorizing NWRESD Local Service Plan for 2009-10

Bill Crist moved to approve Resolution 2008-2009 Number 12 – Authorizing NWRESD Local Service Plan for 2009-2010. Rebecca Wallace seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Committee Member Appointment

Bill Crist moved to appoint Carol Ford to a three year term on the SHSD budget committee. Rebecca Wallace seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Diana Peterson from the St. Helens High School questioned the senior student’s instructional hours and if they will meet the requirement for graduation.

Principal Nanette Hagen provided a brief review of the twelfth grade student’s instructional hour shortage and noted she will be in contact with Superintendent Adams this week with an option to address the issue. The information will be communicated to parents and students accordingly.

Superintendent and Board Communication & Correspondence

In the January 26th board meeting packet copies of various site council meeting minutes were included. Mr. Morrisson acknowledged receipt.

Upcoming Meeting Input

Superintendent Adams reported that next month board discussion will occur on K-6 neighborhood schools, bond, and a report on the Community School’s Program will be provided.

Mrs. Wallace requested that Mrs. Saatvedt’s items from the January work session be included as well.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent