

**St. Helens School District #502  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 11, 2009**

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

Lisa Rawlings	Rhonda Fox	Sandi Curelo
Lori Thompson	Diana Peterson	Cathy Lambert
Michelle Johnson	Kathleen Alexander	Adam Lungberg
Alina Dolyniuk	Katie Van Winkle	Kelsi Mathews
Marcie Jones	Nick Page	Betsy Penzoil
April Baumburg, Chronicle	Cecelia Haack, The Spotlight	

**Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Approval**

Rebecca Wallace moved to approve the agenda as presented. Bill Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports and Discussions**

**Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Adams began the superintendent report with a reminder of the May forecast due for distribution this Friday. There is a firm message to the governor's office that \$5.4 and \$5.9 are not adequate for a quality education. The various tiers of reductions made by the administrative team have been saved and will be worked from as funding allows.

The third window for nominations for the Superintendent SCORE Awards has closed. The next ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Columbia View Park. Nineteen students will be recognized for achievement in their academic performance. Guest speakers will include former St. Helens High School valedictorians Neil Ford and Naomi Calkins.

The most recent report on the H1N1 virus from the Columbia County Public Health Department shows no confirmed cases in Columbia County. The recently updated guidance does not call for school closures.

The district is completing the third round of state assessments. A graph reflecting the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cohort results was presented and reviewed. One to one meetings with the building principals will be scheduled to monitor the progress and this area will be include in their School Improvement Plans.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned TAG students test scores and questioned addressing TAG student learning needs through pullout classes.

Superintendent Adams explained the district does not have pullout classes for TAG students and, although those students do deserve to be recognized, budgeting currently is not available to do so. The biggest problem currently is with students who are not meeting the state benchmark which is now tied to graduation requirements.

#### Art Leadership Panel

Lori Thompson introduced Art Leadership Panel members Cathy Lambert and Betsy Penziol. The three provided a presentation on the panel and explained the first item of business when the panel began was to assess staff needs. This was done through a survey. Those needs then defined the trainings that were developed and offered to staff. The training sessions had a good turnout and those who participated in the sessions were provided supplies from the allotted supply monies and some of the student projects done after the trainings were shown.

It was noted by Mrs. Thompson that the panel would like to continue through next year and in the future the panel would like to work closer with the community. Mrs. Lambert shared some of her ties to community artists and added that she has written some grants for possible future funding.

Superintendent Adams requested a proposed supply budget for the panel should funding be available. Mrs. Thompson commented on how far she was able to stretch this year's allotted budget and agreed to address the request with the panel at the next meeting. The information will be forwarded for consideration.

#### K- 8 Math Textbook Adoption

Lisa Rawlings acknowledged the K-8 math committee and presented the proposed K-8 Math textbook adoption. During the selection process the team began by developing an evaluation model based on the state standards and after the reviewed materials were narrowed down, various staff piloted the materials to make the proposed selections.

The proposed instructional materials were displayed in the board room and Lisa explained they will be left in the board room during the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> for review. The following week the materials will be moved to McBride Elementary School for public review. A school connects message will go out to families informing them of the material availability.

Superintendent Adams noted the district's proposed budget includes a reduction in the proposed 2009-10 budget. Mrs. Rawlings explained she will be looking at the budget with Superintendent Adams and a multi-tiered proposal of textbook packages will be submitted to the board. The board will take action at the May 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

#### Deer Island Property Information

As follow up to the information provided at the April 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting on the Deer Island property, Mrs. Burns asked if the board had any questions and questioned the board's status on the property. The board was in agreement to proceed with sale of the property.

Mr. Morrisson questioned any objection to the district leasing the property during the real estate process. The board did not express any objection but did recommend that if the property is leased, it be done so with the inclusion of contract termination language should the property sell.

Mrs. Burns acknowledged the request and noted that the real estate agent's commission amount from the sale will be under the amount that requires the district to go out for bid. The agent who has been working with Mrs. Burns, Marcie Jones, was then introduced.

Mr. Morrisson requested that the district seek three quotes for the service to err on the side of caution.

Information on a lease will be collected and provided by Mrs. Burns at the next meeting.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Mining Project

Terri Burns provided an update on the proposed 10<sup>th</sup> street rock mining project that was brought to the board's attention in March. It was explained the company who purchased the property in question is in the process of collecting vacation of the area from those neighboring the area. The project is in the very beginning stages and there is no need for board action at this time. Mrs. Burns will continue to monitor the status of the project and more information will be provided as it comes available.

#### Action Items

##### Approval of Revised Policy IKAC – High School Classes/Courses for Middle School Students

Bill Crist moved to approve the revised policy IKAC. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Upcoming Meeting Input

Mrs. Wallace commented on the shoplifting at Safeway that is commented on in the high school's May newsletter and requested the board discuss the high school's open campus policy at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Representatives from Safeway and The Dollar Tree will be invited to attend.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Superintendent