

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

Those present were:

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:

Nanette Hagen	Pete Craemer	Lisa Rawlings
Jeri Deady	Diana Peterson	Telka Peterson
Alan King	Officer Nolan Borders	Mike Herdrich
Linda D'Amario	Michael Arthur	Neil Ford
Lorraine Coopersmith	Joanna Rau	Tracy Bartolomucci
Jerry Bartolomucci	Stacy Brandt	Jill Carlson
Brett Long	Lisa Long	Hardy Cave
Summer Fitzgerald	Alisa Krebs	Sara Parmeter
April Bamberg, 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 regular meeting agenda. Jana Mann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

Hardy Cave introduced himself and addressed the Board regarding the rental of Deer Island School. Mr. Cave explained the use of the building would be for a flea market that would operate daily but with the majority of the business being conducted on the weekends.

Mrs. Burns noted she has been working with Mr. Cave, and the board informed Mr. Cave that a draft rental agreement will be reviewed at the June 8 work session during executive session.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Mann moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting – April 27, 2009
Minutes of Work Session – May 11, 2009
Human Resources Report – April 2009
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
Student Enrollment/Attendance Information
Accident Report – April 2009

Mr. Crist seconded.

Mrs. Saatvedt brought attention to the student accident report and requested sports injuries be included.

Mrs. Wallace pointed out there were a few from the St. Helens High School.

Principal Joanna Rau explained there may not have been any sports injuries at the middle school level but she would follow-up with her staff to ensure inclusion.

Mrs. Saatvedt also requested that two typos be corrected on the report.

Following Mrs. Saatvedt's requests, the motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

Special Recognition

Bell Studios – Lisa Rawlings recognized Bell Studios for the gracious donation of the reading incentive posters displayed in the board room and the schools and for the monetary donation to McBride for their spring picture participation. The photographers from Bell Studios were presented a certificate of appreciation and praised for the creative posters.

Reports and Discussions

St. Helens High School Lunch Time Student & Community Safety

Mrs. Wallace explained that a reference to increased shoplifting issues at the neighboring businesses in the high school's May/June newsletter has caused a concern that has warranted discussion on student and community safety during the high school's lunch period. It was stressed that this discussion is a starting point and there would be no decisions made at this meeting.

Officer Borders reported that so far during the 2008-2009 school year there have been a total of five reported and charged shoplifting situations at Safeway and four at Wal-Mart between the hours of 11:30 to 12:30 and commented on some traffic concerns.

Mrs. Hagen shared comments on issues such as overcrowding of the cafeteria during the lunch hour if the high school campus were closed, the difficulty of monitoring a partially closed campus, and possible bussing and scheduling issues should there be a closed campus with a staggered lunch.

Mrs. Mann questioned the revenue generated at the businesses during the lunch hour and questioned the ability to make the ticket system a more universal system that would not allow for the differentiation between free, reduced, or full price meals.

Mrs. Burns added that the food services program is currently looking into ways to make the food service program a self-sufficient program and shared some minor information on what other districts do to enhance their lunch program.

Superintendent Adams recommended the development of a task force that includes student, business, school board, and district personnel representation be developed to look into various options. Mrs. Mann was assigned to lead the development and work of the task force with Mrs. Burns overseeing the committee and then asked to report their work back to the board.

St. Helens High School Math

Linda D'Amario provided a report on Math at the high school and the changes that have come about since the recent diploma requirement to pass the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) tests.

Safe Routes Application

Mrs. Burns informed the board of a grant the city is applying for that would assist with the development of sidewalks for safe routes to schools. One area of concentration in the grant is Gable Road. Mrs. Burns explained she will continue to work with Skip Baker on the grant and will update the board as the grant progresses.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Arthur Academy Contract Renewal

Benita Saatvedt moved to approve a three year contract with the Yankton Arthur Academy. Bill Crist seconded.

Superintendent Adams reported she met with the representatives from the Academy and they have established avenues to continuously address the board’s concerns.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Math Textbook Adoption

- Mrs. Saatvedt moved to approve 7.2.1 through 7.2.5 as follows:
- Grades K-1: Math Learning Center, Bridges & Numbers Corner
- Grades 2-5: Math Learning Center, Number Corner
- Grades 2-5: Scott Foresman, envision Math
- Grades 6-8: SMC Curriculum, Oregon Focus
- Grades 6-8: Prentice Hall Mathematics

Jana Mann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2008-2009 No. 13 Moving Funds from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Crist moved to approve resolution 2008-2009 No. 13. Jana Mann seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Surplus Property – Deer Island School

Mrs. Mann moved to declare Deer Island School as surplus property. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

No public comment on this meeting’s agenda items was provided.

Upcoming Meeting Input

No upcoming meeting was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent