

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
June 22, 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 June 22, 2009.

Those present were:

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

Guests:

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| Cathy Carson | Jamie Kingery | Nanette Hagen |
| BG Aguirre | Jeri Deady | Judy Valpiani |
| Diana Peterson | Telka Peterson | Joanna Rau |
| Alan King | April Baumberg, The Chronicle | |
| Russel Vineyard, The Chronicle | Erica Ryberg, The Spotlight | |

Call to Order & Public Hearing – School District Budget for 2009-2010

The public hearing of the 2009-2010 budget was called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Following no public input on the 2009-10 budget from those in attendance the public budget hearing was closed. The board convened into regular session at 6:40 p.m.

Agenda Approval

Bill Crist moved to approve the agenda of the June 22, 2009 board meeting. Benita Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

None

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 26, 2009
Minutes of Work Session – June 8, 2009
Human Resources Report – June 2009
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
Student Enrollment/Attendance Information
Accident Report – May 2009

Mrs. Mann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Recognitions

Columbia City School Principal Judy Valpiani recognized Tammy Fletcher, David Kirby and Melissa Gilbertsen for their continuous involvement with Columbia City School through strong fundraising involvement and donations during the 2008-2009 school year.

Board Member Recognition – Jana Mann and Rebecca Wallace were both recognized with gift bags and cards for their service to the district during their term as board members.

Reports and Discussions

State School Funding

Superintendent Adams provided an update on the State School Fund Budget that was passed on June 18th. The budget must now pass the senate and the house and requires a 2/3 majority vote to veto denial by the governor. Superintendent Adams strongly cautioned against getting excited about the forecast of \$5.8 billion as the final budget really is unknown.

Mrs. Burns shared a summary of a new tax to health insurance companies that will be absorbed by the insurance carriers and various things going on at the state level that could, in a round about way, impact education funding.

Superintendent Adams concluded her update on the State School Funding with a note that she does not agree with any of the reductions in the district's proposed budget, but they were necessary to balance the district's 2009-10 budget.

Reintroduction of SHMS Health/Sexual Education Curriculum

St. Helens Middle School Principal Joanna Rau announced that due to the recent changes to health/sexual education state standards, she and a committee from the middle school met with Brad Victor from the Oregon Department of Education to begin bringing the middle school's curriculum up to state standards. Copies of the new state standard requirements were provided and it was stressed that it is up to the district to select curriculum and develop lesson plans that cover the state requirements.

Since the reintroduction is in the very beginning stages, Board representation on the committee was requested. Although Mrs. Mann's board term expires on June 30, she offered to participate as her schedule will allow with adequate notice. Board representation will be determined after the new board members take their position on July 1.

Language Arts/Social Studies Block at SHMS

St. Helens Middle School Principal Joanna Rau reported on a new Humanities block at the middle school effective the 2009-10 school year and the block was reviewed. Since the Humanities block is not a curriculum change board approval was not required.

Organizational Meeting Date

The organizational meeting for the 2009-2010 school year was set for Monday, July 20, 2009. Notices will be forwarded to the local papers and the new board members taking a board position July 1.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution 2008-09 #15 Adopting the Budget for the 2009-10 School Year

Bill Crist moved to approve Resolution 2008-09 #15 Adopting the Budget for the 2009-10 School Year. Rebecca Wallace seconded.

The motion carried as follows: Jana Mann, no; Rebecca Wallace, yes; David Morrisson, yes; Bill Crist, yes; and Benita Saatvedt, yes.

Approval of the 2009-2010 Administrative Contract

Benita Saatvedt moved to approve the 2009-2010 administrative contract. Jana Mann seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the 2009-2010 Superintendent Contract

Bill Crist moved to approve the 2009-2010 superintendent contract. Rebecca Wallace seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of the May 19, 2009 Special District Election Abstract of Vote

Rebecca Wallace moved to approve the May 19, 2009 special district election abstract of vote. Jana Mann seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Jana Mann thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with them on the board and shared kind thoughts of her term and her strong family ties to the district.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent