

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
November 23, 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 November 23, 2009.

Those present were:

David Morrisson, Board Chair
Benita Saatvedt, Board Vice Chair
Bill Crist, Board Member
Alan King, Board Member
Nathan Helwig, Board Member
Patricia Adams, Superintendent
Amanda Stuber, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Dave Clark, The Chronicle	Keith Meeuwsen	Jerry Freund
Alan Zelenka	Ed Leader	Cathy Carson
Bruce Carvalho	Jerry Meadows	Joanna Tobin
Nanette Hagen	Jeri Deady	Diane Fentress-Rowe
Gail Martyn	Jamie Kingery	Spencer Gordon
Cassidy Jones		

Call to Order

David Morrisson called the regular session to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Agenda Approval

Prior to agenda approval Mr. Morrisson removed agenda item 7.2 and requested the contract be ready for board action at the December 14 meeting.

Nathan Helwig entered a motion to approve the revised agenda of the November 23, 2009 Regular Board Meeting. Bill Crist seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

None

Consent Agenda

Mr. Crist moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Human Resources Report – November 2009
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Projection
Student Enrollment/Attendance Report – October 2009
Accident Report – October 2009

Benita Saatvedt seconded the motion.

Alan King requested additional information on the high school cheerleading accident that occurred from the conducting of a drill not authorized.

Nathan Helwig requested follow-up to student accidents requiring outside medical care.

Superintendent Adams acknowledged both requests and questioned the severity of the requested information. To provide the requested follow-up additional staff or additional staff time to an area already reduced would be required.

Following a poll of the board by Mr. Morrisson, the request for follow-up on student accident reports was not considered for board action.

Mrs. Saatvedt thanked the staff for the amount of information already provided.

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

Special Recognition

Lewis and Clark Intermediate Principal Cathy Carson presented Ed Leader, Jerry Freund and Alan Zelenka from the district's technology department certificates of appreciation. Mrs. Carson shared nice comments gathered from various staff about the extraordinary job the technology team does to keep the district up and running in the busy and quickly changing technology world.

Nathan Helwig recognized owner of Dockside Steak and Pasta Tiffany Smith. Tiffany recently donated \$2,000 in food to the St. Helens High School band during the marching band competitions and sponsored a partnership night that earned an approximate \$600 kick back to the program. Mr. Helwig thanked Tiffany for her support and encouraged the public to continue to support her business.

Reports and Discussions

Associated Student Body Report

Spencer Gordon, Public Relations Officer for St. Helens High School, announced the 2009-10 Winter Festival events start next week and announced the 2009-2010 Winter Ball court. The 2009-10 Winter Festival events include a wide variety of dress up days such as stoplight dress day, beach day, and a white out day with everyone dressing in white. The Winter Festival Assembly is scheduled for Friday, December 18 at 1:50 p.m. Other high school activities reported on included the close of drama's first production of the 2009-10 school year and the start up of winter sports.

Ballot Measure 66 & Measure 67

Superintendent Adams provided a presentation on ballot measure 66 and measure 67. Ballot Measures 66 and 67 are on the January 26, 2010 election ballot and are the result of Oregon Legislature passing House Bill 2649 and 3405 to create a \$733 million revenue package through the increase of corporate and personal income taxes. The presentation reviewed how personal and corporate income taxes would be affected; how Oregon's business taxes compare to Washington, California, Nevada and Idaho as reported by the Council on State Taxation, Ernst & Young, 2009 and Legislative Revenue Office Research Report; and reviewed how the passing and/or failure would impact schools.

Mr. Meeuwsen questioned the stability of the district's 2009-10 budget should the measures fail.

It was explained that if the revenue package is not approved by voters, legislation would address alternate funding in a February 2010 special session which, at this time, could result in a \$1.7 million reduction in revenue based on a \$6.0 billion biennium budget. Some districts

have talked of spreading the reduction to the education budget over the biennium. To do this it would result in a reduction to the already adopted 2009-10 budget.

Superintendent Adams concluded the discussion on Ballot Measure 66 and 67 with the announcement that she will be providing the presentation to staff throughout the month of December.

Oregon Districts 2009-11 CIP

Superintendent Adams brought attention to the 500 plus page Oregon Department of Education 2009-11 Consolidated Improvement Plan required by all Oregon school districts. To complete the plan that was submitted on November 15, approximately 17 employees worked on the contents which had an approximate cost to the district of \$12,000.

Mr. King questioned if the plan resulted in the district doing things differently or better.

Jeri Deady explained the district learned they are not in compliance with library assistants and added it is good place to have all of the district's plans and documents in one place.

Nanette Hagen stated it was nice to see that the district is already doing the things asked in the plan and saw the findings as something to celebrate.

Jeri Deady also explained the plan is going to be reviewed and scored by ODE through upcoming hands-on trainings by district' on the next schedule for plan development.

The completed document was left with the board chair for board member review. It will be in a PDF document online as soon as it is available from ODE.

Budget Committee Vacancies Declaration

Mr. Morrisson announced three Budget Committee vacancies. The vacancies will be posted in the local papers and on the district website. Submitted applications will be reviewed at the January 10 Board Work Session with interviews and appointment prior to the January 20 Budget Committee Organizational Meeting.

Action Items

Licensed Staff Salary Schedule Advancements

Mr. Helwig moved to approve the 2009-10 licensed staff salary schedule advancements. Mr. King seconded.

Mr. Helwig questioned why the board approved salary schedule advancements when it is required according to the employee group's bargaining agreement.

It was explained the approval of the advancement is in line with contract language and board policy and the motion to approve the 2009-10 licensed staff salary schedule advancements unanimously carried.

Policy Revision JEBA – Early Entrance

Mr. King moved to approve policy JEBA as previously revised. Nathan Helwig seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Revision JFCF/GBNA – Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing

Mr. Helwig moved to approved revised policy JFCF/GBNA. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Revision JHC – Student Health Services and Requirements

Mr. Crist moved to approve revised policy JHC. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded.

Mr. Crist questioned if the district still conducts scoliosis checks.

Superintendent Adams noted she would question Nurse Robin Loper.

Mr. King questioned the district’s compliance with the new requirements that pertain to the increased number of nursing staff.

Superintendent Adams noted the district had until July 1, 2011 to comply with the ratios which would probably mean the district would need to hire to fulfill the requirement.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of New Policy JHFF – Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Student

Mr. Helwig moved to approve new policy JHFF. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

None provided at this meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Input

Mr. Helwig questioned the board going on record to endorse ballot measures.

Mr. Morrisson explained it has been the board’s practice to refrain from a political stance. It could result in the perception of a split board if there is a split vote during the endorsement vote.

Superintendent and Board Communication and Correspondence

Site Council Minutes:

- McBride Elementary School – November 2009
- Lewis & Clark Intermediate – November 2009
- Columbia City – October 2009
- Columbia City – November 2009
- St. Helens Middle School – November 2009
- St. Helens High School – September 2009

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent