

**St. Helens School District #502  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 11, 2010**

Following the adjournment of an executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d), the School Board of School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened a work session at 6:45 p.m. in the Administration Office of the District, County and State on January 11, 2010.

Those present were:

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

Guests:

Lisa Rawlings	Nanette Hagen	Diana Peterson
Telka Peterson	Samantha Varner	Kayla Sullivan
Michelle Johnson	Kris Connor	Erin Bernard, The Chronicle

**Call to Order**

David Morrisson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

**Agenda Approval**

Alan King moved to approve the agenda as presented. Bill Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports and Discussions**

**Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Adams began the January superintendent report with the declaration of January as School Board Recognition month. Each board member was extended an invitation to an assigned school for an event, presented with a license plate gift from district office staff, and it was announced the board will be honored with cake at the January 25 regular board meeting.

Information on the federal grant, Race to the Top, was also provided. Superintendent Adams explained that should Oregon receive the grant, a total of \$175 million would come to Oregon for the districts who applied through ODE. The submission deadline for superintendent signature was January 8 and school board and union association signatures are due January 12. ODE's submission date is on or before January 18. The first round of RTT grant recipient announcements is in April with the final announcement selection in June. The four areas of reform defined in the application are: adopting standards and assessments that prepare students for college and post K-12 education; recruiting, rewarding and retaining teachers and principals; building a data system that measures student success and inform teachers and principals how they can improve their practices; and turning around lowest-performing schools.

Superintendent Adams and the board chair have signed on in support of the grant and the district will only receive any funding in the areas they need improvement in if accepted. More on RTT will become available as it progresses.

### Policy Updates

The board received policy updates from OSBA on board policies JFCEB, DJC, GBNA, JFCF, GCBDA/GDBDA, IGBBA, IGBBC and new policy BDC-AR. During the first reading the board questioned the struck language from policy JFCF addressing staff and hazing and expressed a preference to retain the language in the policy unless they are no longer by law allowed to. Mr. King also requested language in policy BHB stating “*Board members will...*” be revised to read “*Board members are encouraged to...*”. The language removal from policy JFCF will be researched and the requested language revision to BHB will be revised for the second reading.

### Action Items

#### Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Nathan Helwig moved to approve the revised December 14, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Alan King seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Upcoming Meeting Agenda Input

Upcoming agenda items at the January 25, 2010 meeting include a report on TAG assessment timelines and School Board recognition.

Patricia requested board interest and input on a Winter School Board Retreat with OSBA. The board unanimously expressed interest and requested agenda items to include a segment on negotiations, executive session, and any other current hot topics throughout the state.

Mr. Morrisson extended an invitation to the board to write the School Board article in the next edition of The Chalkboard. Following discussion on the process and possible topics, it was determined that Benita Saatvedt would write the article based on student achievement as it is tied to one of the district’s goals in the mission.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Superintendent