

St. Helens School District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 8, 2010

The District School Board of School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened in regular session at 6:55 p.m. in the Administration Office of the District, County and State on February 8, 2010 following an executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (b) and (f).

Those present were:

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

Guests present were:

Nanette Hagen	Lisa Rawlings	Kerry Marshall-Knight
Angel Kemplin	Rebecca Wallace	Matthew Wallace
Michelle Johnson	Erin Bernard, The Chronicle	

**Call to Order**

David Morrisson called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

**Agenda Approval**

Bill Crist moved to approve the agenda as presented. David Morrisson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports & Discussion**

**NWRESD 2008-2009 Annual Report**

Superintendent Adams introduced Rick Wahlstrom from Northwest Regional Education Service District and Mr. Wahlstrom presented the NWRESD 2008-2009 Annual Report. Mr. Wahlstrom brought attention to the Administration and Board Services section that is new to the plan, the service credit allocations which were reduced this year, and page 35 that provides greater detail to the programs and services received by St. Helens School District.

The board questioned if TAG services were provided to districts. It was noted that at one time the ESD did provide this but has not done so in at least the last 10 years.

**Northwest Regional Education Service District 2010-11 Local Service Plan**

Rick Wahlstrom introduced the Northwest Regional Education Service District's 2010-2011 Local Service Plan. The service plan was created in September through the collective work of the regional superintendents. The plan was adopted by the ESD board in November and the ESD requested the support of the SHSD Board through board adoption of a resolution.

Superintendent Adams expressed her support of the plan and explained a resolution approving the plan is under board action items.

**Division 22 Standards**

Superintendent Adams provided a summary of the contents of the Division 22 Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools and reported the standards have been extensively reviewed by

administrative staff. The district had a complaint in the area of TAG and the items in the complaint have been corrected through board policy. This information will be submitted to ODE at the end of the week. All other areas of the Division 22 Standards have been met by the district.

#### Bond

Superintendent Adams reminded the board of the three failed attempts to pass a bond by the St. Helens voters and Steve Olson from Dull Olson Weekes provided updates on construction pricing. The previous rate increase was as a result of construction projects in the Portland area and it was noted that district's who recently passed bonds have struggled to deliver what was promised because of the increase during their construction projects. The current bond packages show the 2006 package has a 22% increase for a cost of \$50,400,000 instead of the original 42,000,000; the 2007 package has a 12% increase for a cost of \$29,792,000 instead of the original \$26,600,000; and the 2008 package has an unchanged cost to the original cost of \$19,100,000.

Mr. Olson named some of the other districts who recently passed bonds and estimated the 2011 elections would be a more favorable time because the 2011 election does not require a double majority.

#### K-6 Configuration

Superintendent Adams also reminded the board of the 2008 postponement of the reconfiguration of the district to a K-6 configuration and encouraged the board to begin conversation on both the future of a bond and the district's configuration.

During board discussion it was questioned if the passing of a bond would bring jobs to the community.

Mrs. Burns explained there are bidding requirements so that could not be guaranteed.

Mr. Morrisson questioned the budget forecast.

Superintendent Adams reported the State's forecast reflects a total general fund revenue drop of \$182.8 million; lottery resources dropped by \$9.9 million and the overall revenue dropped by \$192.8 million. The forecast continues the trend of a lower economic forecast for the state. Two factors impact the 2009-2011 biennium. The first is a change in the calculation of a trigger for an extra \$200 million for education. The second is the desire for legislative leadership to fund education at \$6.0 billion. Today's forecast is projected at \$5.9 billion for education but we would like to see \$6.0. However, to attain the \$6.0, legislature would need assurance that district's will maintain their current level of services and not cut services to students.

Mrs. Burns provided an updated one time cost of \$95,080 for the district to configure to a K-6 district. Following board review of the costs, Mr. Morrisson steered the discussion back to bond.

Mr. King shared his experience with the community perception and a lack of trust in the district. Mr. King felt the district has lost the trust of the community because of no follow-through.

There was uncertainty among administration of the no follow-through Mr. King was referring to and Mr. King explained it was linked to the promise of going to a K-6 configuration with a bond. Superintendent Adams explained the first bond package included a new elementary school which did mean the district would reconfigure, but the bond did not pass so the district was not able to reconfigure. The district later attempted to move to a K-6 configuration without a bond but unforeseen budget reductions prohibited the move.

Mrs. Saatvedt was against the resurfacing of a bond with the unemployment rate being as high as it is in the state.

Mr. King was in favor of continuing discussion on the items with a projected timeline far enough into the future to allow for adequate campaigning.

Mr. Morrisson also brought attention to the previously established boundary criteria.

Following additional discussion on bond and K-6 configuration, no board decisions were made on to proceed with a bond or reconfiguration.

#### Budget Values & Priorities

Superintendent Adams provided the 2010-11 budgeting process and timelines from the Office of the Superintendent. Administrative discussion on budget will be in line with the district's Blue Print for Success. Superintendent Adams asked the board to review the district goals to identify board areas of priority. The direction last year was to preserve the class size and to minimize the reduction of staff. This week principals are scheduled with Superintendent Adams for a mid-year review of where they are with achieving their 2009-2010 goals. The goals in the area of communication, technology, and facilities will be reviewed on February 16. A report on this will be given at the March 15 board meeting.

#### Action Items

##### First Reading New Policy IGAI – Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education

Mr. Morrisson brought attention to the two options of the new policy and sought board preference on one of the two policies.

It was noted by Lisa Rawlings that this afternoon a representative from the State shared an updated version of the policy. Oregon School Board's Association will have the updated version to districts in February.

The board was split on their preference of policy one and policy two. Both policies will be brought back when OSBA has the revised option available.

##### Key Club Out of State Travel Request

Mr. Crist moved to approve the Key Club Out of State Travel request.

Mr. King declared a potential conflict of interest as he is a Key Club Advisor.

Mrs. Saatvedt seconded the motion to approve the Key Club Out of State Travel request. The board approved the Key Club Out of State Travel Request as follows: Benita Saatvedt, yes; Bill Crist, yes; David Morrisson, yes; and Alan King, abstained.

##### Resolution 2009-10 No. 11 Authorizing NWRESD Local Service Plan for 2010-2011

Mr. King moved to approve Resolution 2009-10 No. 11 Authorizing NWRESD Local Service Plan for 2010-2011. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

##### Consent to Vacate Public Way

Mrs. Saatvedt entered a motion consenting to vacate a public way. Mr. Crist seconded.

Terri Burns explained the request is being made by Diana Dillard and explained it as a piece of property on the non-Red Apple side of Lewis & Clark Intermediate where there was a road. This area is now vacant but people often park in the area blocking the property entrance. The vacation would allow for the posting of "Do Not Park or Do Not Block" signs.

The board was unsure of where the property was and requested maps.

Mr. King entered a motion to table the request until a map is available for review. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship Application between SHSD and Scappoose School District for Student Participation in Tennis

Mrs. Saatvedt entered a motion to approve the OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship Application between SHSD and Scappoose School District for Scappoose student participation on the St. Helens High School's tennis team. Mr. Crist seconded.

Mr. King asked if the students are required to pay SHSD user fees. Principal Nanette Hagen explained they are.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### January 11, 2010 Work Session Minutes

Mr. King noted Mr. Helwig was not included in the attendance section of the meeting minutes but was noted as voting. It was verified that Mr. Helwig was in attendance of the January 11, 2010 meeting and a motion was entered by Mrs. Saatvedt to approve the minutes with the addition of Mr. Helwig. Mr. King seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### New and Updated Policies

JFCEB – Personal Communication Devices and Social Media: Mr. King entered a motion to approve revised policy JFCEB. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DJC – Bidding Requirements: Mrs. Saatvedt moved to approve revised policy DJC as amended during the second reading. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

GBNA – Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Cyberbullying – Student: Mr. Crist entered a motion to approve GBNA as amended during the second reading. Mr. Crist seconded.

Mr. King noted the word “student” is in line three of paragraph one and should be removed since the policy pertains to staff and entered a motion to remove “student” from the paragraph. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion to approve GBNA as amended in Mr. King’s motion carried unanimously.

JFCF – Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying /Cyberbullying – Student: Mrs. Saatvedt entered a motion to approve policy JFCF as amended during the first reading. Mr. Crist seconded.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned the reference to menacing in paragraph two while menacing was removed from the title and entered a motion to strike “menacing another student or employee...” and add “...policy violation” instead. Following discussion on possible wording Mrs. Saatvedt withdrew her motion to further amend amended policy JFCF.

Mrs. Saatvedt entered a motion to approve revised policy JFCF as amended during the first reading. Mr. King seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

GCBDA/GDBDA – Family Medical Leave: Mr. King moved to approve revised policy GCBDA/GDBDA. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IGBBA – Identification – Talented and Gifted: Mrs. Saatvedt moved to approve revised policy IGBBA. Mr. King seconded. Mr. Crist declared discrimination in the area of artistic talent identification.

The motion approving IGBBA as revised carried as follows: Benita Saatvedt, yes; Alan King, yes; David Morrisson, yes; and Bill Crist, no.

IGBBC – Programs and Services – Talented and Gifted: Mrs. Saatvedt moved to approved revised policy IGBBC. Mr. King seconded. Mr. Crist repeated his declared discrimination to the identification of artistically talented students.

The motion approving IGBBC as revised carried as follows: Benita Saatvedt, yes; Alan King, yes; David Morrisson, yes; and Bill Crist, no.

BDC-AR – Executive Sessions - News Media: Mr. Crist moved to adopt new policy administrative rule BDC-AR. Mr. King seconded. The motion adopting new policy administrative rule BDC-AR carried unanimously.

BHB – Board Member Development: Mr. King entered a motion to approve new policy BHB. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion adopting new policy BHB unanimously carried.

**Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items**

No public comments regarding agenda items was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Superintendent