

**St. Helens School District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 22, 2010**

The District School Board of St. Helens School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened in regular session at 6:40 p.m. in the Administrative Office of the District, County and State on February 22, 2010 following an executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d).

Those present were:

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

Guests present were:

Bruce Carvalho	Nanette Hagen	Jeri Deady
Joanna Tobin	Keith Meeuwsen	Diane Dillard
Charles Carsner	Cathy Carson	Jamie Kingery
Erin Bernard, The Chronicle	Karla Thompson	Diane Kadolph-Ray
Jerry Meadows	Amy Foreman	Jan Spika-Kenna
Ron Ross	Spencer Gordon	DiAnne Fentress-Rowe
Carissa Chisum	Tatum Stewart	Maggie Ozias
Michelle Shadly	Rosalie Sumsion	Lori Porter
Amy Sumsion	Logan Kalauli	

Call to Order

David Morrisson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Agenda Approval

Prior to agenda approval action item 7.4 – *Approval of Department of Energy Grant* was added. Nathan Helwig entered a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Alan King seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

During Public Comments Mr. Morrisson moved to agenda item 7.2 and allowed Diane Dillard to address the board regarding the request for consent to vacate public way. Ms. Dillard provided pictures of the public way in question and explained how her property is adjacent to the school's road. Approval of the request would allow for posting of no parking signs to stop the blockage of her driveway during school events. Eighty five percent of the neighbors have to provide consent for the request to pass; the school is the largest neighbor.

Charles Carsner addressed the board with concerns on the current school configuration. Mr. Carsner explained his grandson is a student affected by a long bus ride to and from school because of the current configuration. He expressed unhappiness with the excessive busing that could be reduced if the district were to return to neighborhood schools.

Consent Agenda

Bill Crist moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Human Resources Report – February 2010
- General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
- General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Projection
- January 2010 Enrollment
- Minutes of January 25, 2010 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of February 8, 2010 Work Session

Benita Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Recognition

Nanette Hagen recognized Bill Rash for his recent award of coach of the year. Mrs. Hagen shared statements from Mr. Rash's swim team students who nominated him. This is the third year Mr. Rash has received the award.

Joanna Tobin recognized Jan Spika-Kenna for her continued efforts and commitment to the district and Community School. Jan explained the SHMS Community School is one of five in the state and is the flagship for the program and thanked the board and district for their continued support.

Reports and Discussion

St. Helens High School ASB Report

Spencer Gordon reported Friday from 9 – 3 is the 8th annual blood drive at St. Helens High School. The last two years SHHS has collected the highest volume of blood in the state; there are currently 103 students signed up to participate. At the recent North West Leadership Conference the Leadership Team learned of the Sometimes Wishes Do Come True fundraising event and the high schools recent trial run was a huge success. The event ended last Friday. Winter sports are coming to an end. Swimming just went to state, wrestling is going to state Thursday and Friday, and girls' basketball is close to making it to playoffs. Star Search planning is underway with the event being in two weeks.

Lewis & Clark Intermediate Canoe Crew Showcase

Cathy introduced Jamie Kingery, students Tatum and Maggie, and employee Amy Foreman. Cathy reviewed where the idea of the Lewis & Clark Canoe Crew program originated from and Ms. Foreman reviewed the standards and expectations students receive from Canoe Crew jobs. Real world processes are learned through posting of the jobs on the L&C website, applying and interviewing for the job, and the students are then either hired or not hired. The students have bosses, go through performance evaluations, and there is even a dismissal process in place.

Mr. Kingery reviewed data on the success of the high flying students who are employed by Canoe Crew. Ms. Carson noted how Canoe Crew was originally intended for at risk students but because of the success, all students are interested and apply. This school year there have been 84 positions posted and there are a total of 122 students employed by Canoe Crew. The Canoe Crew Showcase concluded with the viewing of a News Crew clip and everyone was encouraged to visit the website where other News Crew clips can be seen.

SHMS Human Sexuality Education Committee

Joanna Tobin reviewed the requirements of House Bill 2509. HB 2509 requires school districts to provide human sexuality education courses in all public schools as part of the health education curriculum which required SHSD to adopt a new human sexuality curriculum. For SHSD to do this a committee was formed. The committee worked closely with Brad Victor from ODE, discussed the role of local control and approach to sexual education, reviewed curriculum, and each member filled out a selection form which led to the recommendation. To meet the new requirement of providing the courses starting next school the committee recommended a health teacher be added to the middle school. This would allow for the curriculum to be delivered nine weeks at a time.

The recommendation for grade 6 is "My Future My Choice" from DHS with adaptation to some observed areas of concern, grade 7 and grade 8 recommendations is "I'm in Charge of the FACTS". Since the requirement is a yearly requirement, the curriculum will be different each year and appropriate for each grade level. Receipt of the WISE grant has provided the opportunity to continue the review of additional curriculum. This review will be done in April.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned opting out and how that would be communicated.

Mrs. Tobin explained families will be notified prior to the class and they will have the option to opt out of all or portions of the course. Alternate lessons will be provided when this done.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned when the board would review the K-5 and 9-12 recommendation.

Mrs. Rawlings noted the review process for K-5 and 9-12 will start next school year.

Mrs. Tobin closed the human sexuality education committee with an invitation to the Let's Get Healthy Health Fair by OHSU at SHMS March 12 from 8:30 – 3:00 for students and 3:00 – 7:00 for the community.

SHMS Community School Showcase

Joanna Tobin began the report on the Community School Program with the announcement of this being the second year of the successful after school program for grades 6 – 8 and adults. The Community School is funded through a grant that was in the amount of \$75,000 last year but, due to state funding reductions, the award amount this year was greatly reduced. Mrs. Tobin introduced the 2009-10 community school's coordinator Diane Kadolph-Ray and Mrs. Ray reported the Community School Program runs 3:00 – 5:00 with student transportation home provided. The program currently serves 30% of the population and some of the students had to be turned away due to reaching maximum capacity.

Students Amy and Logan shared what they enjoy most in Community Schools and what lifelong skills they are taking from the program.

Superintendent Adams asked Amy and Logan what other types of programs they would like to see offered after school. One of the students shared they would like to see an art or drawing class.

Mr. Morrisson questioned what the restrictions were with the adult course offerings and what kind of time constraints were connected with a course.

Mrs. Ray explained it was entirely up to the instructor. The supply budget is very limited so much of the supplies have been provided by the instructor.

K-5 After School Programs

Superintendent Adams reviewed some after school activities in the district for grades K-5. The K-5 programs are volunteer programs such as scrapbooking, kung-fu, and computer club with a small fee to cover the cost of supplies. Young Rembrandts and Mad Science sessions are at the entire expense of the family. A strong desire to have after school programs available for all grades was expressed by Superintendent Adams.

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

Mr. Helwig expressed his preference to work with OSBA policy option two. Benita Saatvedt agreed.

Mr. Helwig noted the district has very little flexibility to revised the policy and entered a motion to replacement of *recognize* with *acknowledge* though and explained this is change does not violate the requirement. Alan King seconded.

Policy option two of new policy IGAI will be on the agenda for approval at the March 15 board meeting.

Action Items

HS Greece & Rome Study Film Use Request

Principal Nanette Hagen removed the film request for the *Alexander the Great*.

Mr. Helwig entered a motion to approve the viewing of the film *The Gladiator* at the St. Helens High School. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned if there is an alternative lesson for parents who opt out.

Mrs. Hagen explained the alternative lesson is a research project of the time period.

Mr. King acknowledged the editing for sexual content but did not see the educational value of the violence and was not in support of the film. Following extensive discussion on the violent content of the film Mr. King moved to table to motion and requested more information on the alternate assignment. Mr. Crist seconded. The film approval request was unanimously tabled pending the availability of the alternate assignment.

Consent to Vacate Public Way

Mrs. Saatvedt moved to approve Diane Dillard's request to vacate public way. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion approving the consent to vacate public way at 184 south 9th street unanimously carried.

2010-11 Budget Calendar

Mr. Helwig entered a motion to approve the revised 2010-11 budget calendar. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The calendar changes include the addition of a June 2 and June 16 meeting, the cancelation of the June 9 meeting, the 21 meeting remains but is a budget meeting not a board meeting, and the board meeting with budget adoption is June 28. The motion to approve the revised 2010-11 budget calendar unanimously carried.

Department of Energy Grant

Terri Burns provided a copy of the State Energy Program Lighting Application that would result in \$5 million for lighting-only projects in or attached to existing Oregon public schools. If the grant is received the project would replace the lighting/electrical in the HS auditorium and Loo Wit room. The application deadline is March 5 with project completion date of June 15, 2010.

Mr. King entered a motion to authorize the grant application. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Helwig entered a motion to authorize Mrs. Burns to sign off on the contract as long as it does not exceed the amount in policy. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mr. Meeuwssen commented on the difficulty and lengthy process of receiving film request approval by the board.

Resident Ron Ross commented on the Health Education Law that speaks to abstinence. Mr. Ross urged the importance of public awareness of the law contents.

Superintendent and Board Communication & Correspondence

Patricia encouraged the board to read the site council minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent