

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
June 14, 2010**

Following an executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) and ORS 192.660 (f) to conduct labor negotiations and evaluation of the Superintendent the District School Board of School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened in a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office of the District, County and State on June 14, 2010.

Those present were:

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

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Agenda Approval

Mr. Morrisson changed agenda item 4.5.2 (Honors Diploma) to discussion item 4.6.

Mr. Crist entered a motion to approve the June 14, 2010 work session agenda as revised. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

Superintendent Patricia Adams recognized Rory Lewno and the St. Helens High School Skills USA students in attendance for their outstanding performance at the Skills USA competition April 9 and 10. St. Helens High School is the largest chapter in Oregon and received the Superior Chapter Award. Mr. Lewno earned the Distinguished Advisor Award.

The students in attendance spoke on their experiences and future plans. Mr. Lewno expressed his pride for the program and students, and recognized Nike and Ford Motor Company for their support and participation in the program.

Reports and Discussion

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Adams announced the district received Honorable Mention by the National School Public Recognition Committee for the 2008-2009 Report to the Community, the district website, and quarterly newsletter The Chalkboard. The certificates of recognition are on display in the district office board room. To celebrate the 2009-2010 school year highlights a presentation of student awards and district successes will be provided at a summer board meeting and will be available online. As of June 14 the full day kindergarten option has not received enough pre-registration interest. If the June 18

deadline does not have enough interest, the full day kindergarten option will not be available during the 2010-11 school year. The last day of school is June 15 and is a half day.

Grade 6-8 Health & Sexual Education Adoption

St. Helens Middle School Principal Joanna Tobin and School Improvement Specialist Lisa Rawlings presented the board with the Health Curriculum Committee's final recommendation for grades 6-8 health and sexual education curriculum. The recommended Sexual Education includes My Future My Choice with some additional committee recommendations for grade 6, and I'm in Charge of the FACTS for grades 7 and 8. Supplemental pieces for the Sexual Education include a multi-media presentation of contraception from Rosen Publishing Teen Health and Wellness. The Rosen materials include hotline access for teens and families with questions that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. For the Health Education piece the committee recommendation includes Glencoe Teen Health 1 for grade 6, Glencoe Teen Health 2 for grade 7, and Glencoe Teen Health 3 for grade 8. Supplemental materials are from ETR Health Smart and Nutrition World by OHSU.

Mr. Crist questioned the option to not participate in receipt of the curriculum.

Mrs. Tobin explained families are informed prior to instruction and do have the option to opt out. This could be communicated via a template letter and School Connects messages. The committee has recommended parents preview the materials prior to instruction. This could be done through a Parent Preview event.

Superintendent Adams requested Mrs. Tobin address the State's statement in The Spotlight that says the district's recommendation doesn't meet state legal requirements.

Mrs. Tobin explained she discovered the middle school had no sexual education curriculum when she became principal and reached out to the state for assistance. The State has worked with the committee since the beginning of the process and has been very helpful. Although there is an area the recommendations do not address, the missing piece is covered by supplemental material which puts the district in full compliance.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned how families were informed of the curriculum review and asked when materials would be available for board review at district office. Mrs. Saatvedt explained the first she heard of it was through the article in The Spotlight and expressed her frustration with this.

Mrs. Tobin explained the curriculum has been on display at the middle school and, at the time of the report to the Board, was not aware of how the parent and community preview dates were communicated.

Superintendent Adams explained the board received the initial report at an April meeting and explained the report to the board is a public notice. The curriculum will be moved to the district office boardroom to allow the Board additional time to review the materials.

McBride Elementary School Showcase

McBride Elementary School teacher, Michelle Nett, shared a film showcasing her students who spent the school year learning and living McBride's three rules of being safe, responsible, and responsible.

Budget

Mrs. Burns added nothing new to the budget situation and provided a reminder of the Wednesday June 16 budget meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the middle school.

Third Reading Revised Policy Administrative Rule IKF-AR

Superintendent Adams explained the recommended revision from the high school is to reduce the high school graduation credits from 25 to the state required 24. The reduction is in the area of Social Studies and would be a budget savings the amount of \$300,000 in the amount of time it takes for a student to receive a diploma.

Honors Diploma

Superintendent Adams explained Honors Diploma discussion is on the agenda as per board request and reminded the board of their earlier decision to not approve the Honors Diploma revision recommendation.

Mr. King requested discussion be tabled until new high school administration is available for conversation participation.

Mr. Helwig requested a clause that would allow administration to make accommodations if situations prevent a student from taking AP Euro.

Mrs. Saatvedt requested allowing students this year have the option and questioned the rigor of AP courses. Mrs. Saatvedt shared she heard there are AP courses that students can't pass the exam because the course content does not match the content on the exam.

Mr. Helwig noted the administrative rule does not match what is being done. This needs cleaned up.

Mr. King expressed the requirements should not be an administrative rule.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned the intent of the Honors Diploma and the need to have one.

It was noted there are many districts who do not offer an Honors Diploma and it is an individual student goal to obtain one. There are no college application perks to having one.

Mr. Helwig was in favor of retaining the Honors Diploma.

Mr. Morrisson expressed the need to have in depth board conversation on the Honors Diploma that includes the cost, course rigor, and the value added of obtaining an Honors Diploma.

Mr. King expressed a need for the rules to stay the same.

Mr. Helwig requested the status of the request information he submitted to Mr. Morrisson and Superintendent Adams via email.

Superintendent Adams explained she does not have staff at this time to collect all the information requested and agreed with the recommendation to involve the new high school administration.

Superintendent Adams also agreed to bring the board proposed revision language that would allow for an appeal with guidelines of the appeal being established by administration at a later date.

The board was in favor of the Superintendent recommendation. A recommendation will go to the board at a later meeting.

Action Items

May 10, 2010 Work Session Minutes

Mrs. King entered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2010 work session. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

May 24, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Saatvedt entered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 regular meeting. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Revision of IKF-AR Graduation Requirements

Mr. Helwig entered a motion to approve the graduation requirements reduction as outlined in IKF-AR. Mrs. Saatvedt seconded. The motion carried as follows: Mr. Morrison, yes; Mr. Crist, yes; Mr. Helwig, yes; Mrs. Saatvedt, yes; and Mr. King, no because it is a disservice to the students of St. Helens High School.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent