

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
October 25, 2010

Following the adjournment of an Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (d) regarding negotiations, the District School Board of School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office of the District, County on October 25, 2010.

Those present were:

Benita Saatvedt, Board Vice Chair
David Morrisson, Board Member
Bill Crist, Board Member
Alan King, Board Member (joined meeting at 7:10 p.m.)
Nathan Helwig, Board Chair (joined meeting at 7:40 via telephone)

Guests:

Joan Steiner, NWRES D	Josey Bartlett, The Chronicle	Karla Thompson
James Bodkin	Abigail Dahl	Jocelyn Stoneking
Linda D'Amario	Adena Fenrich	Emily Simpson
Zach Underwood	Nancy Lessard	Andy Croley
Joanna Tobin	Jerry Meadows	Don Calkins
Bill Rawlings	Keith Meeuwsen	Griselda Quiroz
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Marleen Zytniowski	Lisa Rawlings	Sandy Kraft
Gayle Deeder	Michelle Tullock	Megan Riley
Ahnali Tainter	Claudia Nichols	Burt Sweet
John Lessard	Jeff Howell	

Call to Order

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

Agenda Approval

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

Public Comment

Keith Meeuwsen provided comments on Alan King's Instructional Improvement Initiative and questioned how the district would implement and compensate staff when there hasn't been funding for salary increases. Mr. Meeuwsen also shared his observation on a lack of administrative observations and encouraged regular ongoing observations as administrative staff schedules allow and providing of mentoring for those who need it.

Consent Agenda

David Morrisson entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes of Work Session Meeting – October 11, 2010
Human Resources Report – October 2010
Enrollment Report – September 2010
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Projection

Bill Crist seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Special Recognition

Cathy Carson recognized the Judy and Karl Hugill from St. Helens Elks for the donation and delivery of Thesauruses to the entire fourth grade population last school year. Mr. Hugill graciously accepted the certificate of recognition and announced they have thesauruses for another group of students if any schools are interested. The principals were asked to contact Cathy Carson for Mr. Hugill's contact information if they were interested in the donation.

Reports and Discussion

Associated Student Body Report

Jocelyn Stoneking provided the monthly ASB report with an update on recent homecoming activities and unfortunate loss of the homecoming football game. There was a three-way tie in the activities between the freshman, junior and senior class; the freshman class won the tie-breaker. Leadership will be attending a Leadership Conference at Liberty High School next week and the Leadership Conference in Seaside the first week of November.

Mrs. Saatvedt requested homecoming pictures be added to the high school or district website.

Jocelyn agreed to pass the request on to the appropriate person.

School Improvement for Mathematics, K-12

Prior to the presentation on Mathematics School Improvement Plans for grades K-12 Superintendent Adams provided a review of Math Assessment scores results and gains and complimented the staff on the gains. McBride School Principal Karla Thompson reviewed McBride's goal for 1st and 2nd grade that is to increase 5% from last year's assessment scores. Lewis & Clark School Principal Cathy Carson reported Lewis and Clark's goal is for 80% of 3rd grade students meet or exceed the 3rd grade math benchmark. Columbia City School Principal Lisa Rawlings explained with the new math cut scores Columbia City's goal is to maintain at 89% as measured by OAKS Spring 2010. For St. Helens Middle School, Principal Joanna Tobin reported the middle school's goal for 8th grade students entering 9th grade with a placement in Algebra I or higher increase from 79.5% to a minimum of 86.5%. For middle school Special Education population the goal is to have those meeting or exceeding in math to increase from 29% to 41% in 7th grade and 25% to 45% in 8th grade. St. Helens High School Principal Andy Croley reported on how fortunate the high school has been to have the internal experts in the high school's Math department and Linda D'Amario noted Math staff have seen a big difference this year in the Algebra I students entering the high school and the curriculum.

The Board complimented the staff for their work and wished them continued success.

Math Cut Scores

Superintendent Adams announced October 28 Oregon Department of Education representatives are voting on a proposed increase to the Math Achievement Standards (cut scores). An increase to the Math Cut Scores at this time would result in a lower number of students meeting the state standard and would greatly impact each school's AYP status. Today there was a vote by Oregon superintendents and Superintendent Adams announced she voted against the change at this time. The community was encouraged to contact the State to express their support or nonsupport in the change.

Mrs. Saatvedt requested the district post contact information for public input on the district website. Superintendent Adams will forward the request to Community Relations.

Facility Renaming Petition

Retired St. Helens Middle School educator Bill Rawlings addressed the Board on the recently submitted petition to rename St. Helens Middle School Don Hogan Middle School in honor of Don Hogan who served as principal of the school between the years of 1977 and 1994. Supporters of the petition, many of whom taught under Mr. Hogan's supervision, were present and spoke in favor of Mr. Hogan and the name change.

Mrs. Saatvedt explained the Board would discuss the item at upcoming meetings and the Board's decision will be communicated at a later time.

Mr. Morrisson requested the members in support and present at the meeting sign a petition supporting the change. The signatures gathered during the meeting were submitted to the Board's executive assistant prior to their departure from the meeting.

First Reading Proposed Revised, New and Rescinded Policies

There were no revisions or questions on the policies submitted for a first reading.

Action Items

David Morrisson entered a motion to add agenda item 7.4 for the renaming of St. Helens Middle School. Bill Crist seconded.

Nathan Helwig joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m. via telephone.

Mrs. Saatvedt reviewed the motion on the table with Mr. Helwig. Mrs. Saatvedt expressed her preference to table the item for the next meeting all Board Members are present and to allow public input from the entire community.

Mr. Helwig requested a public meeting be scheduled to allow for discussion at the November 8 Work Session. Mr. Helwig offered to facilitate the meeting.

Mrs. Saatvedt reminded Mr. Helwig of his pre-arranged absence of the November 8 meeting.

Resolution No. 2010-11 No. 11

David Morrisson entered a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-11 No. 11 Calling a Measure Election. Alan King seconded. During discussion the Board was in favor of moving the levy from the May 2011 election to the March 2011.

Alan King entered a motion to amend Resolution No. 2010-11 No. 11 to reflect the March 8, 2011 election instead of the May 17, 2011 election. David Morrisson seconded. The motion passed as follows: Alan King, yes; Nathan Helwig, yes; Bill Crist, yes; David Morrisson, yes; Benita Saatvedt, no.

Alan King entered a motion to amend the Resolution No. 2010-11 No. 11 submission date from March 17, 2011 to January 8, 2011. David Morrisson seconded. The amendment passed as follows: Alan King, yes; Nathan Helwig, yes; Bill Crist, yes; David Morrisson, yes; Benita Saatvedt, no.

David Morrison entered a motion to approve resolution No. 2010-2011 No. 11 Calling a Measure Election as ammended. Alan King seconded. The motion approving the Resolution No. 2010-2011 No. 11 carried as follows: Alan King, yes; Nathan Helwig, yes; Bill Crist, yes; David Morrisson, yes; Benita Saatvedt, no.

Resolution No. 2010-11 No. 13

David Morrisson entered a motion to approved Resolution No. 2010-11 No. 13 Adopting a Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefits Plan for the employees of St. Helens School District. Bill Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2011-2012 Budget Calendar

The 2011-12 Budget Calendar was not included in the board meeting packets but was provided via email Friday before the meeting.

Bill Crist entered a motion to approve the 2011-2012 Budget Calendar. David Morrisson seconded. The motion carried as follows: Nathan Helwig, abstained since he had not read the email prior to the meeting; David Morrisson, yes; Alan King, yes; Bill Crist, yes; and Benita Saatvedt, yes.

Renaming of St. Helens Middle School to Don Hogan Middle School

Bill Crist entered a motion to rename St. Helens Middle School Don Hogan Middle School. David Morrisson seconded.

Alan King entered a motion to include a cap of \$100.00 to the cost associated with the renaming of the school.

Superintendent Adams strongly cautioned the Board from taking action at this time to allow public input and for additional Board discussion on the item.

Alan King entered a motion to table the motion until the November 8 Work Session.

Mrs. Saatvedt requested the Board wait until the November 22 meeting when Mr. Helwig will be present.

Alan King withdrew the motion to table the motion until the November 8 Work Session.

Mr. Morrisson entered a motion to table the motion until the November 22 Regular Meeting. Alan King seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Counselor Evaluation Form

Alan King entered a motion to add action item 7.5 to approve the proposed Counselor Evaluation Form. Bill Crist seconded. The motion adding the Counselor Evaluation Form to action items carried unanimously.

David Morrisson entered a motion to approve the Counselor Evaluation Form as submitted. Alan King seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Upcoming Meeting Input

Input on the November 8, 2010 meeting agenda included operating levy and instructional improvement initiative discussion.

Superintendent and Board Communication and Correspondence

The received site council meeting minutes and NW Oregon Labor Council letter was acknowledged as received.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent