

**St. Helens School District #502  
Board of Directors Special Session  
January 18, 2011**

The District School Board of School District #502, Columbia County, Oregon convened in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Office of the District, County and State on January 18, 2011.

Those present were:

Nathan Helwig, Board Chair  
Benita Saatvedt, Vice Chair  
Bill Crist, Board Member  
Alan King, Board Member  
Patricia Adams, Superintendent  
Amanda Stuber, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Casie Nash-Baruffi  
Walt Shriver  
Mindy Sass  
Troy Tindall

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE APPLICANT INTERVIEWS**

Prior to the conducting of interviews of Budget Committee applicants the Board conducted introductions. Interviewed applicants for two vacant three-year terms included Casie Nash-Baruffi, Walt Shriver, Mindy Sass and Troy Tindall.

Interview candidate one holds an educational background in Economics, has been involved with St. Helens Little League and St. Helens Boosters Club, and holds a finance management position with a major corporation.

Interview candidate two expressed a strong interest in ensuring students of St. Helens School District are educated for the future. The candidate has extensive experience in budget creation and execution of finances for a large nationwide distribution center.

Interview candidate three holds an accounting degree; has had extensive involvement with parent-teacher committees, bond campaign committee, superintendent search and interview committees for the school district; is a local business owner; and is a member of the Merchant Toy-n-Joy Auction Committee, St. Helens Fast Pitch and St. Helens Boosters.

Interview candidate four is a successful owner of seven businesses managing 145 employees who is involved with St. Helens Youth Football League and St. Helens Boosters Club.

The Board presented each candidate with a series of five questions that were answered which were answered by each candidate. After each candidate was interviewed the Board discussed their selections.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Alan King entered a motion to appoint Casie Nash-Baruffi and Walt Shriver to the two three-year terms on the St. Helens School District Budget Committee. David Morrisson seconded.

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

**Discussion**

Benita Saatvedt requested the February 14 Work Session be moved to February 15 or February 16.

The Board will check their availability and if the meeting date is moved all proper parties will be notified.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Superintendent