

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
February 16, 2011**

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 February 16, 2011.

Those present were:

Nathan Helwig, Board Chair
Bill Crist, Board Member
Alan King, Board Member
Patricia Adams, Superintendent
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

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

Reports and Discussion

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Adams reported on recent midyear meetings with each building principal where first round OAKS results were reviewed. The current area of concern is third grade math. Plans to address this have been implemented. There has also been a focus on sixth grade math. Since it is the goal to have all sixth grade students ready for middle school math additional intervention strategies have been put in place.

The Science Facility Task Force from middle and high school is scheduled to revisit their three year plan tomorrow. The team will review what has been accomplished and what needs to be addressed.

Superintendent Adams also reported on the public forum on budget. Input from the meeting has been collated and displayed in a survey currently available online. Administrative budget priorities have also been established. The administrative team was unanimously in favor of retaining the Professional Learning Communities, information technology services the district currently has, and the continuation of the RTI model.

Licensed bargain between the teacher's association and Board is scheduled to begin March 8.

St. Helens High School Robotics Demonstration

Neil Ford presented the Board a presentation on the eCHAMP program sponsored through the Oregon Engineering & Technology Industry Council. The grant is a two year grant to provide a Robotics program in the receiving district. The first year of the program was very successful for St. Helens High School.

St. Helens High School had a team participate in the USFIRST First Tech Challenge (FTC) where 82 teams, most of which from Oregon, competed. The high school's team was the largest team with 11 team mates who were awarded the finalist award, best design, and team spirit.

Students from SHHS's team in attendance introduced themselves and explained their role in the project. Following a demonstration of the award winning robot, the students and Mr. Ford was presented with a certificate of appreciation for the team's accomplishment.

Future plans for the group includes the need to a dedicated space for work as well as resources for multiple teams. Mr. Ford explained he and the team will be reaching out to the community for support. Since the first competition there has been a large amount of parent involvement and support.

Budget Assumptions

Superintendent Adams provided an updated of current budget assumptions based on a \$5.557 governor's budget. The Governor has a projected distribution rate of 52/48% for the 2011-2013 biennium. The 2011-12 budget will be built on the Board's recommendation to preserve the classroom as much as possible while keeping the district goals in mind. Superintendent Adams requested the Board provide input over the next couple of weeks and provided a review of the 2011-12 budget timeline.

Superintendent Contract Analysis

Mr. King lead discussion on the superintendent contract analysis provided by Oregon School Boards Association as follows:

- The first item addressed the term of the contract. OSBA recommended the Board consider a one year contract. Bill Crist and Benita Saatvedt were in favor of a one-year contract. Mr. Morrisson was not and expressed a lack of Board commitment message to the candidate.
- The recommended deletion of the ORS that does not pertain to the Board was unanimous.
- The recommendation addressing the attendance of all board meetings will include a language clause allowing for the excusing if needed.
- The retention of item 4 as is was unanimous.
- The fifth Item addressing non-reduction of salary was noted as needing a funding clause of some kind that will allow for a reduction in the event of school day reductions due to budget issues. This item will to be addressed at a later time.

To shorted the discussion item Ms. Saatvedt requested Board comment on any OSBA recommendations the Board does not agree with.

Mr. King expressed a concern with the elimination of contract item C regarding no-cause termination.

It was noted this item will be looked at further when the entire Board is in attendance. Other Board Members in attendance did not express any additional disagreements with the recommendations from OSBA's legal counsel and it was noted district's legal counsel has also reviewed the contract.

Action Items

St. Helens High School's Physics Trip

Neil Ford provided a formal request for a trip to San Jose and San Francisco April 20 through April 24.

Mr. Morrisson entered a motion to approve the high school's physics trip as presented. Mr. Crist seconded.

Mr. King requested medical release, permission forms, and the requirement of medical insurance.

Mr. Ford did not have the immediate response but would have Mr. Groom forward the requested information.

Although Mr. King requested additional information, the motion approving the physics trip out of state travel request was unanimously approved.

French Club Out of State Travel Request

Ms. Pearman presented a follow-up to the previously submitted request for French Club out of state travel

Mr. King requested additional input on the covering of transportation and insurance in the event of an emergency.

Ms. Pearman explained she would be reviewing this type of information with the families and would follow up with the travel company on insurance requirements.

Mr. King questioned a family contingency fund.

Ms. Pearman noted she previously has not had this requirement. The entire group will travel by metro or chartered bus and each student has a behavior contract.

Mr. Morrisson entered a motion to approve the French Club travel request with the provision to require medical insurance. Mr. Crist seconded.

Ms. Pearman then explained the trip has changed to June 2012.

The Board explained they could not make determination on the June 2012 trip during this school year. In addition to a new Board and new Superintendent there could also be policy revisions that would impact the request.

The motion approving the request did not carry forward with a final vote.

eCHAMP 2011-12 Grant Renewal for USFIRST Robotics

Mr. Morrisson entered a motion to approve the 2011-12 grant with district matching funds in the amount of \$1,500. Mr. Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2009-2010 Financial Audit

Mr. Morrisson entered. Bill Crist seconded.

Mr. King commented that the district did not need to continue with the noted problems where Expenditures exceeded Appropriations.

Superintendent Adams reported the auditor comments have been addressed.

The motion approving the 2009-2010 financial audit unanimously carried.

Upcoming Meeting Agenda Input

Upcoming meeting items includes a report on Special Education, Response to Intervention (RTI), and the renaming of St. Helens Middle School petition.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent