

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
February 28, 2011

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 and State on February 28, 2011.

Those present were:

Nathan Helwig, Board Chair
Bill Crist, Board Member
Alan King, Board Member
Marleen Zytniowski, Secretary

Guests:

Jeri Deady	Lisa Rawlings	Lori Thompson
Tim Olietti	Robert Clarke	Kathie Clarke
Vance Clarke	John Stein	Romen Ramos
Aleah Fritzler	Katy Vanek	Cole Crisman
Gail Martyn	Josey Bartlett	Matt Bennett
Heather Bennett	Trent Bennett	Makayla Bennett
Bruce Carvalho	Cathy Carson	Karla Thompson
Tyler Graff		

Call to Order

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

Agenda Approval

Alan King entered a motion to approve the agenda. Bill Crist seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment on agenda or non agenda items was provided.

Consent Agenda

Bill Crist entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Human Resources Report – February 2011
Minutes of SHMS Renaming Special Session – February 9, 2011

Alan King seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Recognition

Jeri Deady recognized the St. Helens High School Advanced Shop Students, Vance Clarke, Trent Bennett, Cody Warner, Doug Kessinger and Teacher, Joe Mauck, who helped build the 7 display cases which hold the graduation/academic requirements in buildings throughout the district. She also noted that they spent some of their own time to complete the project in time for us to get these mounted over winter break.

Reports and Discussion

SHHS ASB Report

Jared Larson reported on the success of today's Blood Drive. The goal was to collect 78 units and the high school collected 92 units with over 100 students and several staff members participating. Jocelyn Stoneking reported on the upcoming Star Search assembly to be held at the high school on March 10th. ASB candidate elections and the Senior Safe and Sober dance are coming up. Bruce Carvalho added that spring sports have begun.

Response to Intervention (RTI) and Special Education Services Report

Lisa Rawlings announced that last spring the district applied and was one of four districts selected to receive support for the RTI program at the consultation level to help get the district positioned for more advanced support in the future which would include funding through Oregon RTI. Ms. Rawlings showed a PowerPoint discussing the Core RTI Principles including effectively teaching all children, intervening early, using a multi-tier model of service delivery, using a problem-solving method to make decisions, using research-based, scientifically validated instruction and interventions, monitoring student progress to inform instruction, using data to make decisions and how this could look in our district. She then discussed the Three Key Components: research-based core curriculum and interventions, universal screening and progress monitoring and team processes, data-based decision making and the strengths of the Oregon RTI for St. Helens School District, professional learning teams, calendar and early release, adoption of core materials, professional development, OrRTI consultation. Ms. Rawlings showed the RTI primary Intro video from the ODE site and talked about the future focus: K-12 implementation, core curriculum fidelity, universal screening and progress monitoring. The model district and our consultants are from Tigard/Tualatin. She also informed the Board that the Dibels testing was completed this year at McBride and this will provide the District more concrete information that will enable this information to be passed on to Lewis & Clark Intermediate as the students move on. Jeri Deady then shared how RTI and Special Education work together. She discussed the current practices for Learning Disabled Eligibility with discrepancies and strengths and weaknesses. RTI can assist in determining special education eligibility for Learning Disabilities. Ms. Deady noted that the District's special education rate is climbing slightly above the state average and some of the reasons why this could happen. This is being closely monitored. She discussed the current data from the 2010 Census including the Special Education Rate from 2008 at 12.9% to 2010 at 14.3%, the Learning Disability Identification in 2008 at 40.22% to 2010 at 43.51% and the Ethnicity Sub-Group Identification also increasing from 2008 to 2010. Ms. Deady discussed the benefits for LD evaluations and how the Board could get more information on the OrRTI Project by visiting the St. Helens School District Website, Curriculum page. Ms. Deady added that this program will help us so that we don't lose students through the cracks and it will allow us flexibility for students at all levels. She also noted that she believes this RTI model will be mandated in the near future.

Nathan asked if a student loses 4-6 months of learning every time they move schools, is our current configuration really helping students? Jeri feels that it may be a little less if we had a different model.

Out of State Travel Request Policy

Mr. Helwig asked Marleen Zytniowski to display the Field Trips and Special Events Policy – IICA, and asked the Board to review this prior to the next Regular Meeting. Mr. Helwig would like this added to the next meeting agenda for a reading; he feels there are issues in this policy that should be addressed.

St. Helens Middle School Renaming – Next Steps

Nathan Helwig described the recent meeting opinions from both sides. Nathan asked the members what they think the next steps should be. Bill Crist stated this should be an action item and Alan King felt that the consensus from the meeting wasn't whether or not he should be honored but whether or not the middle school should be renamed or another option should be considered. Mr. Helwig offered to ask the committee if they would like to consider another option and give them a date to raise the funds. Mr. King would like to request accumulated data for ideas on how best to honor Mr. Hogan and suggested one idea being to use the funds to recreate Community Schools and name that the St. Helens Middle School and Don Hogan Community School Center. Mr. Helwig also suggested using the newspaper and the website to solicit ideas. Mr. Helwig will contact the renaming committee and report back at the next meeting.

Action Items

No action items at this time.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items

No public comment on regular agenda items was provided.

Upcoming Meeting Input

Agenda items for the March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting include

Staff renewals/non-renewals

ELL Report

Cultural Diversity Report

St. Helens Middle School Renaming

Mr. King requested the decline in math scores at McBride be addressed. Ms. Thompson agreed to give the report at the next meeting.

Reading/review of the Field Trip Policy/Out of State Travel Request Policy

Superintendent and Board Communication and Correspondence

The Board acknowledged receiving the Site Council meeting minutes.

Mr. Helwig announced the reposting of the District's Superintendent Search. The application process will be open from Tuesday, March 1, 2011, through Friday, March 11, 2011.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent