

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

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:

General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report  
General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Projection  
February 2011 Enrollment  
Minutes of February 28, 2011 Regular Meeting

Alan King seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports and Discussion**

**McBride Elementary Math**

Karla Thompson provided a five year summary of third grade math scores then shared McBride Elementary School's School Improvement goal in the area of math. The SIP goal is to increase the number of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students reaching 80% or above on the grade-level math CBM to increase by 5% as measured from spring 2010 to spring 2011. Items to consider includes the lack of standardized assessment for K-2, teacher-made CBM aligned with standards, a new adoption that takes time for educators to master, and new cut scores on OAKS. Administrative strategies to meet the goal includes increased math walk-throughs (16 per week), teachers taking an OAKS sample test, formal math instruction observations, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade high performers' math instruction (3 times per week).

Mr. Crist questioned who conducts the observations. Mrs. Thompson explained she and Mr. Mangan conduct observations using the district's adopted evaluation forms with the Charlotte Danielson model.

Superintendent Adams added the consideration of the K-2 model. The model is not a common elementary model and noted K-2 staff and students are not acclimated to the state testing environment.

Mr. Mangan also noted the third grade OAKS tests on Geometry. Geometry is not included in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade instruction.

Mr. King expressed a concern with the lack of funding to support the Math graduation requirement.

Mr. Crist encouraged the district to be creative when applying the requirements.

#### 2011-2012 Instructional Calendar

The board received and reviewed two 2011-2012 instructional calendar options. Both options include Wednesday early release instead of the current Friday early release. One option reflects October parent teacher conferences and the other reflects November parent teacher conferences.

Following Board discussion on the pros and cons of late start versus early release Superintendent Adams explained the early release time has been more favorable than the late start and the buildings have shown growth. It was also noted licensed and classified associations have copies of the calendar options; however, feedback from licensed staff on conference placement has not yet been received.

The 2011-12 instructional calendar for SHSD will be approved at the April 11 Work Session.

#### ELL Report

Lisa Rawlings provided a report on ELL in the district. Concerns reported included a persistent gap between the achievement of SHSD ELL students and that of the general population and the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) have not been met for two consecutive years. ELL includes two elements for the students: English language development and general education classes. The plan of action for the district includes three goals: Meet/exceed state established targets (AMAOs), eliminate the achievement gap, and to use ELL strategies that are research based and implemented with fidelity.

To achieve the goals the district has improved ELD instruction by grouping no more than two levels and is using systematic ELD instruction which aligns with Oregon Content and English Language Proficiency Standards. General education classes in GLAD – Guided Language Acquisition Design, SIOP – Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol, and Constructing Meaning are being attended by staff. Increased administrative support has also been implemented.

Mid-year growth highlighted in the presentation included 72% - 400% growth through DIBELS subtests at K-2, an average 9 level growth through ADEPT at K-2, an average 13 point increase through 6<sup>th</sup> grade OAKS Reading, and an average 4.6 point increase through 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade OAKS Reading. Lewis & Clark Intermediate has increased Spanish family participation through written notifications and phone calls of upcoming events.

The district's next steps include continued K-12 ELD support and feedback, and implementation of the training plan.

#### Out of State Travel Request Policy

Mr. Helwig led discussion on proposed revisions to current policy IICA addressing out of state travel requests. Mr. Helwig recommended the addition of the following language:

*A request for out of state travel that involves an overnight stay needs to include a plan describing how a student would be returned home in the event of a medical or behavioral issue.*

*A request for out of the USA, travel must include the above as well a financial contingency plan for that travel.*

Mr. King recommended language be included to address insurance coverage while out of the country.

It was also requested to have administration pre-approve requests and present the request to the Board for approval.

Mr. King also requested the high school's transporting students for school activities in private vehicles permission form be cleaned up as well.

St. Helens Middle School Renaming – Next Steps

Nathan Helwig described recent meeting opinions from both sides, and requested Board input on the next steps.

Bill Crist stated the item should be an action item.

Alan King felt consensus from the meeting wasn't whether or not Mr. Hogan 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 the Community School area 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 April 11 Work Session.

**Action Items**

Resolution 2010-11 #15 Teacher/Administrators Contract Renewals for 2011-2012

Alan King entered a motion to approve resolution 2010-11 #15. Bill Crist seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

**Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items**

No public comment on regular agenda items was provided.

**Upcoming Meeting Input**

Agenda items for the April 11, 2011 Work Session will include second reading of board policy IICA; budget, levy, and superintendent search update; petition to rename St. Helens Middle School; and 2011-12 school year calendar adoption.

**Superintendent and Board Communication and Correspondence**

The Board acknowledged receiving building site council meeting minutes and newsletters for the month of March.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Superintendent