

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
May 23, 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 May 23, 2011.

Those present were:

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

Guest:

Mike Murphy	Melody Killens	Andrew Vang
Nolan Geretz	Cyndy Miller	BG Aguirre
Daniel Fosse	Gail Martyn	Lori Thompson
Rita Biggs	Patrick Birkle	Jamie Kingery
Ray Biggs	Lisa Rawlings	Tim Olietti
Bruce Carvalho	Karla Thompson	Joan Steiner
Keith Meeuwsen		

Call to Order

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

Agenda Approval

Benita Saatvedt entered a motion to amend the agenda to include the St. Helens High School ASB Report as 5.1 and moving 5.1 to 5.2. David Morrisson seconded. The motion amending the agenda unanimously carried.

Public Comment

Prior to public comment Mr. Helwig reviewed the public comment stipulations that sets timelines on comments and prohibits the discussion of personnel matters.

Ray Biggs provided an introduction of himself and a brief overview of his union experiences then began reading a letter received by the district on Saturday May 14. Following the mention of a school district employee who was involved in the matter the letter addressed, Mr. Biggs was told to cease public comment by Board Chair Nathan Helwig.

Due to a lack of honoring the chair's order to cease public comment the meeting recessed at 6:37 p.m. while St. Helen's police were called for disorderly conduct at a public meeting. During the recess the Board and others in attendance left the room.

The meeting reconvened at 6:48 p.m. to conclude public comment with police present.

Brandi Holmes presented the Board a copy of a piece of poetry her student submitted for the 2010-11 St. Helens Middle School Reflections Literacy Journal then expressed concern for her student's mental health and questioned how the writing made it into the publication without parental notification or approval. Ms. Holmes expressed frustration with not being contacted by the teacher who received the writing that referenced suicide, and stated she has attempted to work with the school and has requested counselor information but the requests have gone ignored or have not been satisfactory.

Erica Edwards, who identified herself as a family friend, added comments that referred to Ms. Holmes' student being bullied by another student and asked how Ms. Holmes could get assistance on the matter.

Mr. Helwig referred Ms. Holmes to Superintendent Patricia Adams office for an appointment and wished her luck.

Consent Agenda

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

- General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
- General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Projection
- April 2011 Enrollment
- May 2011 Human Resources Report

Alan King seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jocelyn Stoneking and Jared Larsen from St. Helens High School provided a report on the 2011-12 leadership group, announced the 2010-11 Prom Court, the upcoming Senior Focus meeting, and upcoming recognition of

Reports and Discussion

ImPACT Testing

At the request of the Board SHHS Athletic Director Cyndy Miller provided a report on the first year of the updated SHHS sports related concussion management program which includes neurocognitive function diagnostic testing through ImPACT Application, Inc. In the report Ms. Miller provided a brief overview of athletic participation registration requirements and reported all participating 2010-11 SHHS athletes have taken the ImPACT exam for a baseline needed for a post injury test.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned an increase in coach awareness. Mrs. Miller acknowledged an increased awareness and explained coaches have demonstrated this by setting athletes out who have either exhibited signs of a possible concussion or were diagnosed with a concussion.

Mrs. Saatvedt questioned an option for families to opt out of the testing.

Mrs. Miller reminded the Board that an option to opt out of the ImPACT Testing was not approved by the Board. Mrs. Miller cautioned against doing this since the high school doesn't have athletic trainers

like the larger districts do to closely monitor athletic injuries. Waiving out of the exam would also be taking a step backwards in student safety.

Mr. Helwig expressed his caution on allowing the option to opt out of the exam and expressed his desire to see students safely return to play after any type of injury.

Mr. King mentioned the recent letter to the editor in the local paper where a citizen expressed a concern with the test gathering psychological information on the individual being tested.

Mrs. Miller acknowledged seeing the letter but added no comments on the letters content or accusations.

Action Items

Resolution No. 2010-11 No. 15 – 2011-12 School Lunch Prices

Alan King entered a motion to approve Resolution 2010-11 No. 15 Lunch Prices for 2011-2012 as follows:

Elementary – Grades K – 6	\$2.10
Middle School – Grades 7 & 8	\$2.35
High School – Grades 9-12	\$2.60

David Morrisson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Biggs requested clarification on the continuation of ImPACT testing.

Mrs. Saatvedt explained the requirement would continue for SHHS athletes and expressed the Board's strong desire to keep student safety in athletics a priority.

Upcoming Meeting Input

No input on the June 13, 2011 Work Session agenda was provided.

Superintendent and Board Communication and Correspondence

The Board acknowledged receiving the Site Council meeting minutes and emails.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent

