

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
May 23, 2012

**Un-official
Minutes**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office of the District, County and State on May 23, 2012.

Those present were:

Alan King, Board Chair
Marshal Porter, Board Vice Chair
Matt Freeman, Board Member
Nathan Helwig, Board Member
Raymond Biggs, Board Member
Mark Davalos, Superintendent
Janine Salisbury, Business Manager
Amanda Stuber, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Alan King called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Nathan Helwig entered a motion to approve the agenda. Matt Freeman seconded. The motion approving the agenda carried as follows: Alan King, yes; Matt Freeman, yes; Ray Biggs, yes; Nathan Helwig, yes; and Marshall Porter no.

Mr. Porter's reasoning for the no vote was questions. Mr. Porter explained the materials were not provided three business days in advance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment on non-agenda items was provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Helwig entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

General Fund Revenue & Expenditure Report
Student Enrollment/Attendance Information

Mr. Freeman seconded.

Mr. Porter entered a motion to remove the general fund revenue expenditure report from consent agenda for discussion on a couple of questions.

The consent agenda with the General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report removed unanimously carried.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

SHHS ASB Leadership Report

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Amanda Katz reported on the May 19th prom that earned \$4,000 for the 2012-2013 ASB account and the ASB induction and awards assembly is scheduled for tomorrow. In closing of the SHHS ASB Leadership Report, 2012-2013 leadership community relations representative Eliazar Lopez was introduced.

Foreign Exchange Student Introductions

Superintendent Davalos apologized for oversight in communication that resulted in the foreign exchange students not being invited to the meeting. The students will be invited to the next meeting for introduction.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Davalos reported on his attendance of the Choir performance Tuesday evening and announced the final 2011-2012 Band concert is Thursday night. The final SCORE Awards Ceremony on June 6th will recognize 27 students at Columbia City Community Hall at 2:30 p.m. and the final 2011-2012 SSAC meeting will be on May 31st with grades 2 – 12 attending.

SHHS Sports Boosters Club Annual Report

Tom Halligan, Gordon Jarman and Rich Bailey thanked the Board for affording them the opportunity to meet before Board. St. Helens Boosters Club is a 501 c 3 organization who donates 100% of earnings to SHSD students. Since 2001 SH Boosters has raised a total of \$1.7 million for facility improvements at St. Helens High School. Some of the more notable SH Boosters Club projects included the SHHS grandstand stadium and concession stand; score board and goal posts; SHHS weight room; and participation in safety programs associated with equipment, gear, and uniforms. The Boosters also allows other organizations/groups (ie. band, choir, youth groups, etc.) use of their facilities. The current project SH Boosters is undertaking is a new building at the west end of the SHHS football field to securely store district athletic assets. The next project will be removal and replacement of the SHHS tennis courts that is a safety concern.

Gordon Jarman thanked the Board for doing what they do on a voluntary basis and provided a summary of his years in education, most of which were with St. Helens School District. Mr. Jarman reviewed a summary the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Case for High School Athletics. Items reviewed in the summary included:

- benefits of co-curricular activities,
- value of participation in high school activities,
- increased grades and attendance of students who compete in high school activity programs,
- how athletics assist in students' attitudes toward self and school and minimize dropout and discipline problems, and
- how co-curricular activities teach lessons that lead to better citizens.

Rich Bailey provided a history of life in St. Helens School District and provided an emotional testimony asking for continued district support of the athletics in SHSD, and to reconsider the re-instatement of SHMS athletics in partnership with SH Boosters.

Mr. Halligan asked the Board to bring middle school sports information to the budget committee and explained the Boosters is willing to help, but would like to have information on program costs.

Mr. Porter questioned a reference to assisting other organizations and asked why the Boosters do not provide additional financial support to non-sports groups.

It was explained the St. Helens Sports Boosters Club was established in early 70s for the purpose of athletics. The Boosters has contributed to other groups, but their focus is athletics, similar to the Band Patrons being focused to band.

Mr. King informed the Boosters to visit Salem and stressed extreme budget tightness that will not allow for the district to fully fund athletics at this time.

Mr. Halligan and Mr. Jarman reminded the Board they were only asking to have the athletic budget examined to determine how Boosters can help.

Mr. Davalos thanked the Boosters representatives for their work and commitment to the students of SHSD, and agreed to provide the requested information and to work with them further.

Mr. Freeman thanked the Boosters for the support and all they do.

SHSD Technology Report

Ed Leader, SHSD Information Technology Supervisor, provided the board with SHSD technology quick facts that included:

- IT staff - 3
- Total desktop computers - 965
- Thin client stations - 300
- Total student systems - 900
- Staff systems - 365
- Average student system age - 7 years
- Average staff system age - 4 years
- Replacement schedule (budget dependent)
 - Staff: 4-5 years
 - Students: 6-7 years
- Grants and donations
 - E-rate Grant Program for phone & internet lines in the amount of \$65,000 last year.
 - Donation nearing \$80,000 in equipment, most to be put into the classroom & student use systems.
 - Assist with teacher and curriculum based grants as needed.

Instruction technology information is the curriculum needs to drive the technology. Basic teacher unit for K-8 instruction technology includes a laptop, multimedia projector and document camera. Basic teacher unit for 9 – 12 instruction technology includes a laptop/PC and multimedia projector in nearly all 9-12 classrooms, other equipment varied by classroom needs. Math classrooms contain 9IWB units, four classroom response sets.

Board member questions and responses included:

- Shared network access for students? Mr. Leader explained this is not an option for students when not in class. Some staff has remote access and has the ability to access email through the district website.
- Is it more cost effective to have a laptop with a docking station instead of having a laptop and a PC? The laptop is for student use while the PC is used for other items, such as attendance or grading, while students are working.

- Smart boards in the classroom expressed interest by a board member. The member request more explanation on the smart boards with intent to possibly have a fundraiser of some sort through a connection the board member has.
- Does technology have a role in instructing staff on technology? Mr. Leader explained the push for technology in the classroom started in the last couple of years. Staff is open to learning and takes advantage of the trainings offered by technology staff. Other instruction options are available and often come with the curriculum.

Second Reading Revised Policy JECBB

During the second reading of JECBB – Intradistrict Transfer Students policy, the Board requested replacing “to” with “for” in the last paragraph.

Third reading New Policy IGDK

No additional revisions were requested by the Board during the third reading of policy IGDK – Non-School Sponsored Study & Athletic Tours/Trips/Competitions.

SHSD/SHEA Merit Committee

Superintendent Davalos updated the Board on recent Merit Committee makeup discussion with SHEA leadership. SHEA’s representation on the committee will be Martha Sipe, Heidi Green, Joan Arends-Tayler, Mark Janke and Kerry Marshall. To remain within the contract requirement to have equal numbers Superintendent Davalos recommended Lisa Rawlings, Jim Mangan, one additional administrator and two board members. Superintendent Davalos also added the association w agreed to meet once before the end of the school year.

Following Board discussion on committee makeup, having two board members on the committee instead of three was preferred with the attending board members reporting out to the rest of the board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

No public participation on agenda items was shared.

ACTION ITEMS

New Policy Adoption IGDK

Marshall Porter entered a motion to adopt new policy IGDK – Non-School Sponsored Study & Athletic Tours/Trips/Competitions. Matt Freeman seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

Merit Committee Member Appointment

Nathan Helwig entered a motion to appoint Alan King, Matt Freeman, Lisa Rawlings, Jim Mangan and one additional administrator to the SHSD/SHEA Merit Committee. Matt Freeman seconded. The motion carried as follows: Ray Biggs, yes; Matt Freeman, yes; Nathan Helwig, yes; Alan King, yes; and Marshall Porter, no.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

Input on the June 6th Board Work Session included:

- Superintendent goals
- K12 Education compact
- Exchange student introductions

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- Watershed Council Grant
- Appropriation Increase Resolution

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the Regular Board Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m. for recess prior to an Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (F) and (2) (h) to discuss written legal advice.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:30 p.m. into the Regular Meeting with no action and adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent