

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
September 12, 2012**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room of the District, County and State on September 12, 2012.

Those present were:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Marshall Porter called the Work Session 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.

Alan King entered a motion amending the agenda to include addition of policy KG – Community Use Facility for a first reading. Matt Freeman seconded.

Following discussion in favor and not in favor of adding policy KG for a first reading, the motion to amend the agenda failed as follows: Raymond Biggs, no; Nathan Helwig, no; Alan King, yes; Matt Freeman, yes; and Marshall Porter, abstained.

The motion approving the agenda as presented carried as follows: Raymond Biggs, yes; Nathan Helwig, yes; Marshall Porter, yes; Matt Freeman, no; and Alan King, no.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Nathan Jones from City of St. Helens Public Library provided a brief review of a newly awarded grant that will provide library cards for non-resident families with students in St. Helens School District schools. Communication to St. Helens School District students and their families of the grant thus far has included Mr. Jones attending Lewis & Clark and Mr. Jones will be at the McBride Elementary School Open House on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

SHSD resident Patrick Birkle thanked district office staff for assistance during his unscheduled visit to district office today then requested the Board to explore ways to provide board packet materials online for public review and to have the materials posted in a timely manner.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Davalos reported on start of school visits to the schools, the level of staff enthusiasm and the immediate engaged learning. Custodial, grounds and maintenance, and teaching staff were applauded for their hard work in getting schools and classrooms ready. Lewis & Clark Elementary Open House was September 11th and well attended. McBride Elementary School's Open House is scheduled on September 13th.

During an enrollment report it was noted the project enrollment is two students higher than actual enrollment. Enrollment and class sizes at all grades is being monitored and accommodations/adjustments may be made if needed.

Merit Committee

Superintendent Davalos provided a brief background of the SHSD/SHEA Merit Committee and Senate Bill 290 that goes into effect July 1, 2013 then requested the Merit Committee postpone its work until after Senate Bill 290 work is complete.

Alan King requested discussion during Executive Session on SB290 prior to contract negotiations. Superintendent Davalos agreed.

Superintendent Davalos also explained that, at this time, Board representation is needed on the SB290 Committee and recommended Merit Committee Board Member representatives serve.

Superintendent Goals Action Plan

Superintendent Davalos provided a schedule of action plans to accompany the board established and approved 21012-13 superintendent goals for board review. No additional discussion was held on the plan.

Education Compact Committee

Superintendent Davalos reminded the board of the Education Compact requirement to establish and approve an Education Compact Committee to review district progress on the submitted Education Compact and to recommend renewal targets for board approval prior to February 1, 2013. It was explained that recent legal ruling on Education Compact Committee makeup states the committee will not include board members, but will include school district paid administrative personnel and licensed personnel. Since the committee is serving as an advisory committee to the board, the committee is required to follow public meeting laws and all meetings will be open to the public. For administrative staff representation Superintendent

Davalos announced his recommendation is to assign Lisa Rawlings, Karla Thompson, Andy Croley and himself. The entire committee make- will be presented to the board at the September 26th Regular Meeting for board approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment regarding agenda items was provided.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2012-13 No. 10 – Procurement Cards

Matt Freeman entered a motion to approve resolution 2012-13 no. 10 authorizing district use of procurement cards. Nathan Helwig seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

SB290 & Merit Committee

Nathan Helwig entered a motion to table Merit Committee work until SB290 requirements are met. Due to no second of Mr. Helwig's motion to table Merit Committee work, the motion failed.

Matt Freeman entered a motion to include assigned SHSD Merit Committee members in the SB290 Committee. Alan King seconded.

Following lengthy board member discussion disagreeing with the recommended SB290 committee make-up and purpose, and postponing merit committee work Marshall Porter entered a motion to amend the motion to authorize the SHSD Merit Committee to serve as the SB290 Committee and postpone Merit Committee work. Nathan Helwig seconded.

At the end of additional lengthy board member discussion in favor and against postponing Merit Committee work, Superintendent Davalos expressed importance to meet the requirements of the mandated SB290 work and timelines. He noted some of the work could be similar and didn't want Merit Committee work overlapping or interfering with SB290 committee work.

Matt Freeman entered a motion to disband the Merit Committee until September 2013. Following no second to the motion to disband the Merit Committee until September 2013 and additional discussion disagreeing with Superintendent Davalos' recommendation, Nathan Helwig called question.

Marshall Porter's motion to amend motion to authorize the SHSD Merit Committee to serve as the SB290 Committee and postpone Merit Committee work failed as follows: Matt Freeman, no; Alan King, no; Nathan Helwig, no; Marshall Porter, yes; and Raymond Biggs abstaining.

Matt Freeman's motion to include assigned SHSD Merit Committee members in the SB290 Committee failed as follows: Alan King, yes; Matt Freeman, no; Nathan Helwig, no; Marshall Porter, no; and Raymond Biggs, no.

Lisa Rawlings recommended Merit Committee members be given the option to serve on the SB290 committee.

Marshall Porter called a five minute recess at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

SHEA representative Michelle Johnson was asked for input on SHEA preference. Ms. Johnson explained she was not able to comment on SHEA preference at this time and requested time to speak with SHEA executive council. This request was accepted and will be communicated to Superintendent Davalos.

Matt Freeman entered a motion to amend the agenda by moving Merit Committee to action item 6.3. Due to no seconded, the motion failed.

Nathan Helwig entered a motion to establish a SB290 Committee. Matt Freeman seconded.

Alan King explained that SHEA's contract only requires the Merit Committee meet and, after the committee meets, the Board can do what they want. Mr. King also stressed his concern with not having Merit Committee work completed this year and explained the committee will not continue at the end of the 2011-2013 bargaining agreement.

Marshall Porter entered a motion to amended Mr. Helwig's motion to allow Superintendent Davalos to establish the SB290 committee and to provide the recommendation to the board. Matt Freeman seconded.

Alan King expressed concern with delegating such an important task out and strongly disagreed with the motion.

Marshall Porters motion to amended Mr. Helwig's motion to allow Superintendent Davalos to establish the SB290 committee and to provide the recommendation to the board carried as follows: Nathan Helwig, yes; Matt Freeman, yes; Marshall Porter, yes; Raymond Biggs, yes; and Alan King, no.

Nathan Helwig's motion to establish a SB290 Committee carried as follows: Nathan Helwig, yes; Matt Freeman, yes; Marshall Porter, yes; Raymond Biggs, yes; and Alan King, no.

Matt Freeman entered a motion to disband the Merit Committee baring no objection from SHEA. Due to no second, the motion failed.

Nathan Helwig entered a motion to allow the Merit Committee to meet and determine when they will resume Merit Committee activities. Due to no second, the motion failed.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

September 26, 2012 meeting agenda items requested included:

Revised Policy KG: Community Use of District Facilities

SHHS ASB Leadership Introductions

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City of St. Helens Police Department Levy Committee

Matt Freeman requested City of St. Helens personnel and district personnel discussion regarding recent determination by the City of St. Helens that city sidewalks are not approved for bicycle use. Mr. Freeman explained this ruling means it is not legal for McBride student bike riders to ride their bikes to school on sidewalks.

Alan King also requested discussion with city personnel on double traffic fines in school zones.

ADJOURNMENT

The September 12, 2012 Work Session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent