

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2012

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room of the District, County and State on September 26, 2012.

Those present were:

Marshall Porter, Board Chair
Nathan Helwig, Board Vice Chair
Alan King, Board Member
Raymond Biggs, Board Member
Matt Freeman, 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. Alan King seconded.

Matt Freeman noted the October 12th meeting date under agenda item 8.0 should be October 10th.

The motion approving the agenda with the noted date revision carried as follows: Raymond Biggs, yes; Nathan Helwig, yes; Marshall Porter, yes; Matt Freeman, yes; and Alan King, yes.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No visitors addressed the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alan King entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Human Resources Report – September 2012
Enrollment Report – September 19, 2012
Revenue & Expenditures Report – August 31, 2012

Nathan Helwig seconded. The motion approving the consent agenda unanimously carried.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

SHHS ASB Leadership Introductions

SHHS Activities Director John Lessard introduced SHHS 2012/13 Leadership Vice President Josiah Thurston who introduced leadership members present and not present.

SHHS ASB Report

SHHS ASB Public Relations representative Eliazar Lopez provided a brief reported on start of the school year events and freshman adjustments from middle to high school. Athletics have been doing well, last week was the National Honor Society fundraiser that raised \$420, and homecoming week is the week of October 1. October 22 – 26 is SHHS Breast Cancer awareness week where a variety of fundraising events will take place.

Superintendent Davalos requested an invitation to SHHS leadership's sixth period class. Mr. Lessard agreed to extend an invitation after homecoming week.

City of St. Helens Police Department Levy Committee

Terry Moss and Diane Dillard introduced themselves and thanked the district for the School Resources Officer support which is a huge part of both community and school safety. During their report a history of declined funding to the City of St. Helens Police Department was shared, information on St. Helens Policy Levy Ballot Measure 5-228 was provided, and St. Helens School District endorsement was requested.

Marshall Porter explained the item is not on the meeting agenda for action and asked if response after the next Board Meeting on October 10th. Diane Dillard agreed to an October 10th response but explained the levy committee is starting publications and advertising this week. If the district did opt to support, SHSD endorsement wouldn't be included in newspaper advertising but would be added to publications later in the campaign.

Following the conclusion of a few board questions and comments on declined funding to all state funded public organizations, Nathan Helwig entered a motion to amend the agenda to add action item 7.2 to endorse Measure 5-225 St. Helens Police Department Levy. Matt Freeman seconded.

The motion to amend the agenda unanimously carried.

Policy Revision – First Reading

During the first reading of policy KG – Community Use of District Facilities Alan King provided a history of the ongoing and postponed revision work and expressed his dissatisfaction with the delay and lack of follow through. Mr. King then provided a review of the policy and the facility use committee's recommendation.

During board review of the committee recommended revisions, additional board revisions were provided. The board requested revisions will be included for the second reading at the October 10th work session.

Policy Reviews

BDDC – Board Meeting Agenda: As follow-up to public comment and request at the September 26, 2012 Board Meeting the Marshall Porter led discussion on board packet availability for public access through the district website. The board was in favor of continued discussion after Superintendent Davalos provided information from SHSD technology staff on district capability to accommodate the option, the process of how to do so, and staff who would be assigned to the duty.

Athletic Eligibility Policy: Marshall Porter requested board review of SHSD extracurricular/athletic eligibility policy and expressed concern with St. Helens High School students not being meeting graduation requirements who are eligible for athletic participation. Following board discussion in favor and not in favor of the request, input from SHHS administration and Superintendent Davalos on district and OSAA eligibility and intervention work in place at SHHS, the discussion was concluded with Nathan Helwig expressing support and confidence in SHHS administration's extracurricular/athletic eligibility rules and intervention work to achieve a high school diploma. The request was not supported by the entire board and the policy review will not continue at this time.

City Sidewalk Safety Committee/City Council

Matt Freeman presented the board with a review of a presentation that:

- opposes City of St. Helens' recent determination prohibiting children from riding bicycles on St. Helens sidewalks,
- requests City Council allow a temporary age waiver, and
- requests a revision of the municipal code to reflect ORS.

Mr. Freeman requested board permission to present the presentation and argue the request on behalf of the board at the September 27th meeting.

Following lengthy conversation for and against the request, Matt Freeman entered a motion to add Sidewalk Safety Committee/City Council presentation to action as item 7.3. Nathan Helwig seconded. The motion adding the item as action item 7.3 carried as follows: Matt Freeman, yes; Raymond Biggs, yes; Nathan Helwig, yes; Marshall Porter, yes; and Alan King, no.

SB290 Committee Update

Superintendent Davalos revisited SB290, provided a review of SHEA contract language of article 25 regarding evaluation committee make-up, and stressed the need to focus on the SB290 work first since it is required by law. Superintendent Davalos requested permission to move forward

with the SB290 committee with four SHEA members, two administrators, and two district office staff; one of the two district office staff will include the superintendent.

During lengthy discussion of Superintendent Davalos request, Mr. Freeman expressed concern with the merit committee not continuing, Mr. King expressed concern with the recommendation and disagreed, Mr. Helwig recommended the SB290 Committee meet then revisit the Merit Committee, Mr. Biggs recommended the Merit Committee representatives serve on the SB290 committee, Mr. Porter requested SHEA input on two Board Members being on the SB290 committee.

Keith Meeuwsen expressed SHEA's concern with the perception that the board does not appear to trust administration to do the work the board has hired them to do. Mr. King disagreed with Mr. Meeuwsen's comment and accused SHEA of making the board appear to not trust administration by publicly expressing the perception.

Discussion on Superintendent Davalos' SB290 committee recommendation concluded with a request to review action at the September 12th work session on the SB290 committee discussion. This will be provided for review and action at the October 10th work session.

SHSD Education Compact Committee

Superintendent Davalos provided a formal recommendation to assign SHSD Education Compact Committee district representation as follows: Lisa Rawlings, Karla Thompson, Andy Croley and himself. Recommended licensed representation included Colleen Grogan, Fran Clason, Keith Meeuwsen, Richard Palen and Martha Sipe. Donna Rethati will serve as the committee secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment regarding agenda items was provided.

ACTION ITEMS

Education Compact Committee

Alan King entered a motion to approve the SHSD Education Compact Committee make-up as recommended by Superintendent Davalos. Matt Freeman seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

St. Helens Police Levy Support

Nathan Helwig entered a motion to endorse Ballot Measure 5-228 – St. Helens Police Levy. Matt Freeman seconded.

Following disapproval input from Mr. King and Mr. Biggs and approval input from Mr. Freeman and Mr. Helwig, the motion endorsing Ballot Measure 5-228 carried as follows: Mr. Freeman, yes; Mr. Helwig, yes; Mr. Porter, yes; Mr. King, no; and Mr. Biggs, abstaining due to him being a Columbia City resident.

Board Support of City of St. Helens Presentation

Nathan Helwig entered a motion approving Matt Freeman to operate under the name of St. Helens School District when presenting on bicycle safety to the City of St. Helens at the September 27th meeting. Matt Freeman seconded.

Following discussion in favor and against the motion, Mr. Helwig called question to move discussion to a vote.

The motion authorizing Matt Freeman to operate under the name of St. Helens School District when presenting on bicycle safety to the City of St. Helens at the September 27th meeting failed as follows: Mr. Helwig, yes; Mr. Freeman, yes; Mr. King, no; Mr. Biggs, no; and Mr. Porter, abstained.

Marshall Porter authorized Matt Freeman to include his name as a supporting board member in the presentation and wished Matt luck.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

October 10, 2012 meeting agenda items requested included:

SHHS Grounds Safety Item: Raymond Biggs
2013-14 Budget Calendar
2013-14 Budget Committee Vacancies
Resolution Opposing Coal Transportation through Columbia County
Resolution Regarding Education Funding
SHHS SIP Plan

ADJOURNMENT

The September 26, 2012 Work Session adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent