

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session
January 9, 2013

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 January 9, 2013.

Members Present:

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.

The motion approving the agenda unanimously carried.

VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

SHSD resident Joan Franklin addressed the board regarding board support to fundraise for contribution to the Sandy Hook Elementary School living memorial requested at the December 19 meeting and withdrew the request.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Mark Davalos wished the board happy new year and welcomed them to the last half of the school year.

Budget Committee Applicant Interview

Budget Committee applicant Volf Sanderson introduced himself and thanked the board for the opportunity to interview for a vacancy on the SHSD Budget Committee. The board presented Mr. Sanderson with five questions in the interview. Following successful responses to the questions, the board explained action on Mr. Sanderson's appointment will occur at the January 23rd Regular Board Meeting and invited Mr. Sanderson to the January 15th Financial Summit at Scappoose High School.

SB290 Committee Report

In the SB290 Committee report, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Lisa Rawlings introduced the committee members and reviewed the timeline for selection, adoption, and implementation.

Mrs. Rawlings also explained the committee is currently reviewing four state approved tools. Delivery of the committee recommendation will occur at a May meeting with approval in June.

Marshall Porter questioned the meeting times and expressed concern for public who wish to attend. Lisa explained meetings are 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at rotating locations and the work is very labor intensive so, after an intensive day of teaching, the committee does not plan to hold evening meetings.

Alan King expressed concern with the short meeting times due to personal agendas and lack of focus the first hour. Mrs. Rawlings explained the meeting dates and times are minimum meeting agreements and described the meetings thus far as extremely focused and the work has extended far beyond the scheduled days and times.

After board and superintendent discussion on SB290 requirements and state approved tools, the proposed timeline was reviewed and a recommendation to the board was requested before May. Mrs. Rawlings recommended moving the committee recommendation to the March 19th with board approval in April. The board was in favor of the recommendation.

SHSD Property Analysis

As part of Superintendent Davalos' 2012-13 goals, an analysis of SHSD property was requested and an analysis report was presented by Jared Plahn. Areas questioned and discussed by the board were the parking lot behind Lewis & Clark Intermediate School and Eisenschmidt Pool, the vacant lot behind the maintenance shop, CRYC, Deer Island School and the property in Yankton. Additional information requested was the district cost to maintain vacant buildings and property.

Discussion of the property analysis concluded with Alan King requesting action at the January 23rd Regular Board Meeting to auction off Deer Island School. Ray Biggs recommended sale through a real estate agent. Details will be finalized after action is held.

SHSD 2011-12 Fiscal Audit

The 2011-12 fiscal audit was provided to the board prior to the meeting for review. The board presented no questions about content of the audit. The 2011-12 fiscal audit will be on the January 23rd Regular Meeting agenda for action.

SHSD Safety Plan & Compliance Report

The Board received a report on SHSD building and district level safety committee practices and procedures by Janine Salisbury and Jared Plahn provided a report on SHSD safety compliance programs and procedures. An area of concern questioned and discussed in length included lengthy railroad crossing blockings that could delay emergency responders to the schools. Janine Salisbury explained she was immediately in contact with the railroad company when morning bus routes experienced a delay during a blockage and commented on immediate corrective action taken by the company.

SHSD Emergency Safety Plans Discussion

SHSD emergency safety plans were provided to the board for review prior to the meeting. The board expressed their appreciation for the well developed SHSD emergency safety plans and requested no additional information.

Policy Review – JFCJ Weapons

Prior to Board discussion on review of policy JFCJ, Mr. Helwig explained the Board Chair requested review of the policy and stated it is not the intent to add armed personnel in SHSD schools. The Board provided a brief review of the policy and agreed to review as a first reading at the next meeting since the last update occurred in 1997.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Freeman announced McBride Elementary School teacher Heidi Green will receive formal announcement as the K103 Educator of the Week on Friday Jan. 11 and encouraged listening to the K103 broadcast.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

January 23, 2013 meeting agenda items requested included:

- SHHS ASB Report
- First Reading of OSBA Policy Updates
- Deer Island School Sale/Auction
- CenturyLink Easement Revision

Action

- 2011-12 Fiscal Audit Action
- Budget Committee Member Appointment
- Deer Island School Sale/Auction
- CenturyLink Easement Revision

ADJOURNMENT

The January 9, 2013 Work Session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent