


**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session
February 13, 2013**

Following a 6:25 p.m. adjournment of an Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) and (h), 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 February 13, 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



**Unofficial
Meeting
Minutes**

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. Raymond Biggs seconded.

The motion approving the agenda unanimously carried.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No visitors addressed the Board at the February 13, 2013 meeting.

RECOGNITION

Board Chair Marshall Porter recognized Heidi Green for recent recognition as K103 Educator of the Year.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Advanced Credit Opportunity Report

St. Helens High School Principal Andy Croley provided handouts of the SHHS 2012-13 Achievement Compact Target addressing students earning 9+ college credits and college credit opportunities available through SB300 then reviewed the information in detail.

Cooperative Educational Options with Scappoose School District

Superintendent Mark Davalos reported to the board on discussions with Scappoose School District's Superintendent on interest in cooperative educational options between the two districts. Thus far, there is no interest from SSD in sharing business office or other operational services. The option of sharing high school education opportunities is an option but will be difficult as SHS is returning to a trimester schedule.

Operations Efficiency Report & Recommendation

Janine Salisbury provided a report on Superintendent Mark Davalos' goal to identify operational efficiencies. During the report, adopted or investigated operational efficiencies were reviewed and concern with the district's deferred maintenance to buildings was discussed.

NWRESD 2013-2014 Local Service Plan

A copy of the NWRESD proposed 2013-2014 Local Service Plan for service credit distribution for each supported district was presented and reviewed by Superintendent Mark Davalos. The proposed plan was developed during the NWRESD's annual LSP retreat and recommended for approval through resolution at the February 27th Regular Meeting.

2013-2014 Budget Survey Results

Superintendent Davalos provided an overview of the community budget priorities survey results for the 2013-2014 budget cycle. Survey results included 151 responses with strong opposition to reduction in teaching staff, elimination/reduction in non-required courses and increase in SHHS participation fees for extra-curricular programs and/or activities. Neutral responses with a need for additional information to a reduction in the school calendar, district reserve funds and classified staff. Responses to a reduction in administrative and district office staff was divided between neutral with a need for additional information and high with reservations.

The Board did not provide input on the survey results, but did express dislike for the survey content and shared negative comments provided by community members.

2013-2014 Budget Priorities

During board member sharing of budget priorities, the following *summarized* items were provided for budget development guidelines:

Staff:

- Preserve K-3 class sizes

- Maintain teaching staff if cannot add back teaching staff

Calendar:

- School days

- Reduction in PLT days

Courses/Programs & Services:

- Maintain non-required academic courses

- Maintain well rounded programs for all (athletics, music, band & PE)

- Increase in K-3 services

- After school programs

Maintenance:

- Reinstatement of .5 custodial FTE

- CC school painting

- Deer Island property sale funds be applied to the capital projects fund

Other requests during the budget priority discussion included immediate communication prior to notifications on specific budget reductions, eliminations and/or program revisions.

OSBA Policy Revisions – First Reading

The board policies listed were distributed for a first reading:

- EEA – Student Transportation Services

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EEACC – Student Conduct on Buses
EEACD – Use of District Activity Vehicles for Student Transportation
GCDA/GDDA – Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting
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IL – Assessment Programs
JECBB – Intradistrict Transfer Students
JECC – Assignment of Students to Schools
JECF – Intradistrict Transfer of Resident Students

The board was asked to review the policies and to bring questions with them to the second reading scheduled at the February 27th Regular Meeting.

Policy Review – Second Readings

JFCJ Weapons: During a second reading of required and optional revisions to school board policy JFCJ lengthy discussion occurred on the inclusion of “replicas” in the optional policy language. The “replicas” conversation concluded with inclusion of “replicas” as is in both areas of the policy. The first sentence of the optional new language of paragraph one of page two was recommended for deletion and information on ORS 166.291 and 166.292 was requested. The requested revisions and information will be available for the third reading at the February 27th Regular Board Meeting.

GBJ Weapons in Schools – Staff: During board discussion on optional new policy GBJ Weapons in Schools – Staff, the board questioned inclusion or exclusion of contractors and volunteers and an employer’s legal ability to restrict staff from possessing weapons at work when possession of a weapon is not needed for their scope of work with the district. Board member argument against the policy included the policy violating the State of Oregon constitution and employers not having the option to restrict employees from possessing weapons on district property or at school-sponsored events. The agenda item concluded with the notation that Superintendent Davalos will provide information on the inclusion or exclusion of contractors and volunteers and will provide a recommendation for the board to consider before moving forward.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

February 27, 2013 meeting agenda items requested:

Executive Session

- Superintendent Evaluation

Recognition

- Andy Croley as the South Columbia County Chamber Educator of the Year

Reports & Discussion

- SHHS ASB Report
- Durham School Services Annual Report
- SB290 Committee
- Open Enrollment Participation – HB 3681
- 2013-2014 School Year Calendar
- Budget Priorities
- Second & Third Reading of Policy Updates

Action

- NWRESD 2013-2014 Local Service Plan
- Open Enrollment Participation – HB 3681
- Budget Priorities
- JFCJ - Weapons Policy Update
- Superintendent Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT

The February 13, 2013 Work Session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent