

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Meeting
April 24, 2013

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 April 24, 2013.

Those present were:

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

Nathan Helwig called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alan King entered a motion to approve the agenda as amended at 11:02 a.m. on April 24, 2013. Ray Biggs seconded.

The agenda as presented unanimously carried.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No visitors addressed the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Matt Freeman requested removal of the March 2013 enrollment report.

Nathan Helwig moved the March 2013 enrollment report to Reports and Discussion as agenda item 5.1.

Ray Biggs entered a motion to approve the amended consent agenda as follows:

Human Resources Report – April 2013
Revenues & Expenditures Report – March 2013
Year to Date Financial Report – March 2013

Alan King seconded. The motion approving the consent agenda unanimously carried.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

March 2013 Enrollment Report

Matt Freeman questioned the enrollment decline in the 10th, 11th and 12th grade levels at St. Helens High School as reported on the March 2013 Enrollment Report. A response to the decline was unknown when Mr. Freeman's question was presented. An enrollment report will be provided at the next meeting.

SHHS ASB Report

Eliazar Lopez reported on the SHHS campaign for 2013-14 ASB positions and introduced the SHHS 2013-14 ASB Public Relations Officer. Class officer campaigns for the junior, sophomore and freshman classes will conclude this week. The recent Doernbecher fundraiser concluded with approximately \$2,800 raised. Student Council is discussing details of the SHHS Prom at the World Forestry Center on May 11th and the Star Search Assembly is scheduled this week. The newly established International Club has held successful meeting thus far and the club meets during Thursday pride period.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Davalos announced a pending House Bill to move the Achievement Compact due date from June 30th to August 15th and the next SHSD Achievement Compact meeting on May 30th. The SB290 Committee has been meeting regularly and is fine tuning work for board approval and implementation. District wide staffing assignments for the budget process are being finalized and principals have received a recommendation due date of Friday, May 3rd. Although the allotted FTE is budget neutral, some staff could be unassigned because of staff returning from a leave of absence or job share situations. Principals are also working on 2013-2014 scheduling.

In response to community discussion about preliminary test score results reflecting a high level of grade levels not meeting benchmark, Superintendent Davalos explained first round testing results are not confirmed. Testing results are not considered final until all testing opportunities are complete and data is confirmed. Board member input on the subject included a request for parent communication about the testing process and dates.

SHSD TAG Plan

Lisa Rawlings reminded the board of the unfunded mandate regarding TAG and explained the TAG plan template provided to the board in their April 24th meeting materials was provided by the state. The completed SHSD TAG plan has been submitted to the state, but notification of approval or need for revision has not yet been received.

Mr. Helwig asked Mrs. Rawlings, in her professional opinion, if the district was meeting the needs of TAG students. Mrs. Rawlings responded the district is in the business of educating and is doing the best the district can with the provided funds and tools.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

Agenda items scheduled at the May 8, 2013 Work Session include:

- SHHS decline in enrollment as per the March 2013 enrollment report
- CRYC and CCEC annual report
- Deer Island property sale

Matt Freeman announced the City of St. Helens Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission event at McBride Elementary School on May 10th.

Matt Freeman requested input on moving district office to empty portables on school property as a cost savings. Mrs. Salisbury explained the district has not been able to properly maintain some of the portables which may limit access.

Mr. Biggs requested information on Common Core State Standards to dispel negative information he has received.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (h), (f) and (d). Discussion topics pertained to litigation or litigation likely to be filed, staff records exempt from the public, and labor negotiations. The Executive Session adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was called back to order and adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Board Chair

Superintendent