

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
August 23, 2023**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 2023 in the District Office Board Room in Columbia County, Oregon. This public meeting was also observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MN22dEUgRIef_3NFe49ecg.

Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to do so either in person, or by emailing the Board of Directors at: sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us with a summary of the topic they wish to address and to request the Zoom meeting link prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Melody Killens, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Vice Chair
Ryan Scholl, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Colton Freeman, Student Board Representative
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Jessica Seay, Director of Fiscal Services
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Trinity Monahan, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Killens called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kellie Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Andrea Mead stated:
 - The new bell schedule will cause hardship for her family, and she suggests the length of the school day at the HS be closer to that of the elementary schools.
 - There are limited afterschool programs available, and they are cost prohibitive.
 - She is concerned that the length of the high school day is too long, and about the lack of time available for lunch and passing.
- Eric Naes stated:
 - The Athletic Director did some great things for the athletic programs last year and it leaves a bad taste in the mouth of the community that he is not returning.
 - He cannot understand why the gyms at the high school will not be available for use for fall sports.
 - Students and staff are leaving our District to attend in Scappoose, which causes the community to wonder why we can't get things right.

- He is very concerned about high school and elementary students riding on buses together.
- Staci Ross stated:
 - She did not receive important information from the district, for example, the bell schedule change, until there was no opportunity to offer input. She would like more information in advance of decisions. She suggested pushing the board meeting agendas out to parents in advance of meetings.
 - Her 6th grade student was allowed to drop a class and change to another without parental knowledge or input.
 - Her 8th grade student was allowed to go on a field trip to Oaks Park without parental consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the consent agenda by changing item 4.6 to read: General Fund Revenue & Expenditure July 2023, rather than June 2023. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to so amend the consent agenda carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

Ryan Scholl entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Superintendent Stockwell reported that St. Helens Virtual Academy staff has reviewed curricula options for the 2023-24 school year and has recommended the use of FlexPoint Cloud Digital Courses for elementary students and Apex Learning Courses for secondary students. He reviewed the requirements outlined in OAR 581-022-2350, and noted that the curricula selected follow National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standards (NIMAS) and meets the State Board of Education requirements.
- Superintendent Stockwell introduced Lucie Polvogt, SHHS senior, and the newly selected 2023-24 Student School Board Representative. He noted that he hopes Lucie can help incorporate student feedback from across grade and class demographics. Lucie affirmed that she will, and noted she looks forward to working in her new capacity on the Board.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the process this district follows each summer to adjust staffing based on student enrollment at each level, in each school.
- Superintendent Stockwell reminded the Board about and extended an invitation to the Welcome Back Staff & Family Picnic on Tuesday, August 29th.
- Superintendent Stockwell read an email sent recently to the Board by a community member regarding their distaste for the electronic fundraising methods used recently to raise funds for the HS football program. Members discussed the fund raiser and expressed agreement with that sentiment.
- Melody Killens suggested that the district remain purposefully in contact with the Broad Leaf Apartment staff, so that it is known how many new students are expected to enroll.
- Kellie Smith suggested the online registration/re-enrollment process for students be reviewed to see whether it could be streamlined.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that there are a lot of positive things planned for the District athletic programs. He noted that he has worked hard with the

construction team to be sure the gyms at SHHS will be available for use no later than the end of September. He has talked with the interim AD about working with his coaches to revise the recent fund-raising methods. He shared some of the things the District and Board have recently done for students and the community:

- Added two turf fields, one at the middle and one at the high school
- Removed all user fees for athletics and activities
- Established a partnership with Parks and Recreation
- Reinstated middle school football
- Developed a no-cut program at the middle school
- Increased program budgets, and hired additional coaches, as needed
- Included turf baseball and softball fields in the high school renovation plan
- Essentially removed all facilities use fees (within the parameters of the loan)
- Kellie Smith suggested the fundraiser be eliminated altogether.
- Lucie Polvgot reported that she felt very uncomfortable with the text fundraising campaign as a student athlete, as there were no goods or services offered to those being asked to donate.
- Jessica Seay reported that RESOLUTION 2023-24 #4 Designating Bank of the West, InRoads Credit Union, and State of Local Government Investment Pool as Depositories for School Funds to Reflect New Bank a revision needs to be revised to change Bank of the West to Bank of Montreal, effective September 5, 2023 due to acquisition of the former bank.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Staci Ross reported that she believes some revisions need to be made to the current athletic fundraiser, including more information being provided to athletes and parents about how the funds will be used, and making sure funds are distributed equitably.
- Beth Amos concurred that the fundraising practices could be improved, and suggested considering partnering with non-profit organizations such as the Booster Club, the SH Student Foundations or others for different types of fundraising activities.

ACTION ITEMS

- Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the Virtual Academy Curriculum adoption. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.1	Entered a motion	Bill Amos	X		
7.1		Melody Killens	X		
7.1	Seconded the motion	Ryan Scholl	X		
7.1		Trinity Monahan			Not present
7.1		Kellie Smith	X		

- Bill Amos entered a motion to revise RESOLUTION 2022-23 #4 - Designating Bank of the West, InRoads Credit Union, and State of Local Government Investment Pool as Depositories for School Funds to Reflect New Bank Designating Bank of the West, InRoads Credit Union, and State of Local Government Investment Pool as Depositories for School Funds to reflect the new bank. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.2	Entered a motion	Bill Amos	X		
7.2		Melody Killens	X		
7.2		Ryan Scholl	X		
7.2		Trinity Monahan			Not present
7.2	Seconded the motion	Kellie Smith	X		

- Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the revised RESOLUTION 2022-23 #4 Designating Bank of Montreal, InRoads Credit Union, and State of Local Government Investment Pool as Depositories for School Funds. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
8.3	Entered a motion	Bill Amos	X		
8.3		Melody Killens	X		
8.3		Ryan Scholl	X		
8.3		Trinity Monahan			Not Present
8.3	Seconded the motion	Kellie Smith	X		


- Superintendent Stockwell led Lucie Polvogt in an oath and swore her in as the 2023-24 Student Representative to the Board.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

September 13, 2023 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.



Melody Killens, Board Chair

Scot Stockwell, Superintendent

