

**St. Helens School District #502
Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
October 25, 2023**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 25, 2023. These public meetings were observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLNuQ_wpShCAb1502WdNmww.

Members of the community interested in addressing the Board were invited to do so during the meeting 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, October 27, 2023.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Melody Killens, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Vice Chair
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Trinity Monahan, Board Member
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Jessica Seay, Director of Fiscal Services
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Not Present:

Ryan Scholl, Vice Chair
Lucie Polvogt, Student Board Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Killens called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30. Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously with members in attendance.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the board were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trinity Monahan entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously with members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brooke Oliver, SHHS Public Relations Representative, updated members about the things going on at the high school. She reported that the Welcome Back Field Day and Homecoming were well attended, and proceeds from the latter were donated to

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Proceeds from the Think Pink activities were donated in honor of Martine Barnette, Principal of Columbia City Elementary School. Members thanked Brooke for her report and willingness to serve in this capacity.

- The District Principals and Directors informed members about the work, activities and planning taking place at each school:
 - Dr. Katy Wagner reported that at SHHS:
 - The College and Career Day that included testing options for grades 10-12 and an intercession option for 9th was a success. InRoads Credit Union provided a Financial Reality training for students, and there were many community partners that came to offer information about post-secondary options, including military, colleges business owners, artists and representatives from the public service sector.
 - There are some great things going on in HS athletics; the girls soccer team qualified for state play-ins with a win last night, the football team has a shot at play-offs, and the cross-country team will compete this weekend with potential to qualify for state.
 - One of the AVID classes is working on a project to provide support to teens in other countries being negatively impacted by war and natural disaster. They researched agencies that provide aid, and are moving forward with a student-driven fund-raising project.
 - There is now an intervention time providing every other day, and the HS team is working on ways to make that more efficient and effective, also to improve the data gathering process around that work.
 - Ron Hernley reported that at Plymouth High School:
 - A GearUp representative from U of O visited recently and provided information about a post-secondary college path.
 - There is increased student buy-in about school culture and respectful interactions.
 - There are three seniors that will graduate next quarter, and they all have a post-secondary plan in place.
 - Mr. Hernley attended a RTI conference and is really excited to have some of his staff get the training as well, and to roll it out in the school.
 - Martin Hehman reported that at the St. Helens Virtual Academy:
 - The feedback he received from the SHVA staff today was positive; they appreciate that there is a principal that is invested in improving the school, and are feeling valued and supported.
 - There are several engagement activities scheduled, including a Science Night that will be held at the MS and cooking classes.
 - The team is working on a policy and procedure handbook, as well as improving data collection, to include attendance and engagement numbers.

- They are focusing during their PLT time on creative ways to engage students who may not have a strong support system in place, specifically looking at methods beyond calls and email.
- Cris Gwilliam reported that at SHMS:
 - An awards night for Fall “Athletes of the Season” was held at the Village Inn. The celebration was made possible with the help of the Village Inn and the SH Booster Club.
 - Mr. Gwilliam thanked Alan Holinbeck, SHMS Athletic Director, for his efforts to grow and improve the athletic program into the robust, student experience-centered one that it has become. An academic eligibility parameter has been added, and 90% of students that were suspended during the season were returned prior to being restricted from play this quarter.
 - This team is continuing the school-wide RTI work, and is focusing on laying a foundation of Tier 1 instruction and Tier 1 data collection. A universal screener was administered, but with additional attention to student morale and interest in performing well. There was a 96% completion rate, which is a notable improvement.
 - A Tier-III Math class has been developed to help students who are at high risk for not passing math standards, and will start second quarter.
- Martine Barnett reported that at Columbia City Elementary:
 - They are excited to submit the grant for a school garden, which will focus on food production and pollinators. She thanked the Board for approving the application during the Consent portion of the meeting today.
 - The Master Gardeners partnered with the Community Library to offer an after-school Fairy-Garden project today. Students were able to sign up in advance, and really enjoyed the event.
 - Today was the second whole-school Grand Lodge, and there was a lot of positive feedback.
 - Ms. Barnett and Susan Donovan attended an RTI conference, and are looking forward to working with the school team to tighten up some existing processes and build new ones.
- Cheri Martin reported that at Lewis & Clark Elementary:
 - Three staff members were able to attend the RTI conference, and the work really aligns with the culture, routines and rituals they are establishing at their school.
 - Their PTO hosted a wonderful Halloween Carnival last weekend; Cheri thanked them for all the hard work.
 - A STEAM teacher has been hired and has allowed them to get Specials back in the rotation.
 - The team is working on some reorganization in their SELC program.
- Allyson Dubuque reported that at McBride Elementary:
 - They have had several successful family engagement activities, to include a “Camp Rea-A Lot” night, and a Family Fall Festival hosted by their PTO.

- Ms. Dubuque acknowledged the amazing efforts of the McBride PTO. In addition to the festival, they recently organized a supply room to meet the essential needs of students. When a need is identified, a teacher can now access clothing, shoes and personal care items for students.
 - Ms. Dubuque thanked the board for allowing staff to attend the RTI conference. Their team is using that training to work on academic and behavioral Tier II strategies.
- Dani Boylan reported that in the Early Learning department:
 - They had a fun field trip to the pumpkin patch, and the students loved it. They are grateful for an increased level of parent volunteering this year.
 - Our advanced Early Childhood Education (ECE) students at the HS are bussing over to Columbia City School twice a week to do their practicum and earn dual credit by doing observations and assessments in the preschool. They get to draft lessons, lead small groups and plan activities for the preschool students.
 - Ms. Boylan is working on scenarios around expanding their program by adding a preschool at L&C, in addition to the Head Start program currently at that school.
- Matt Doyle, Columbia County Service Center Administrator for NW Regional Education Service District, reviewed some of the services they provide to this district, as well as 19 others in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties. He noted that their team helps fill gaps and provide support with things such as staffing, professional development opportunities, and grant writing. He is working to enhance career technical education offerings across the county, and oversees the early intervention/early childhood special education programming.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the policy updates recommended by OSBA. The policies being reviewed included:
 - BD/BDA – Board Meetings
 - BDC – Executive Sessions
 - EFA – Local Wellness Program
 - GCBDA/GDBDA – Family Medical Leave/Military Family Leave
 - GCBDF/GDBDF – Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance
 - GCPC/GDPC – Retirement of Staff
 - LBE – Public Charter Schools
- Keith Meeuwsen, a teacher at SHHS, asked if Bill Amos would review the role of the Board and meeting protocols, for the students in attendance, and he did so.
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the Report on Compliance with Public School Standards for the 2022-23 school year. The categories on the report included:
 - Teaching & Learning, (Subcategories):
 - Curriculum & Instruction
 - Assessment & Reporting
 - Program & Service Requirements
 - High School Diploma
 - Health & Safety, (Subcategories):

- Policies & Practices
- Plans & Reports
- Athletics & Interscholastic Activities
- District Performance & Accountability
- Human Resources/Staffing

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- No requests to address the board were received.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

- November 15, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., District Office
 - 2023 OSBA Election
 - LCRB Hearing for Sole Source: Boiler & Components

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Melody Killens, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent

