St. Helens School District #502
Regular Board Meeting
April 24, 2024

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 24, 2024. This public meeting was observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6Q3WB-PQTHaDvPxQdUgrSQ.

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, April 24, 2024.

PRESENT

Those present were:
Melody Killens, Board Chair
Ryan Scholl, Vice Chair
Bill Amos, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Jessica Seay, Director of Fiscal Services
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Not Present:
Trinity Monahan, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

Melody Killens called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:40. Trinity Monahan entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

- The Board recognized:
  - Student Abby Jauron, in recognition of her commitment to creating a friendly and welcoming environment and showing kindness to others.
  - Staff member Kristen Fastabend, in recognition of the nurturing and inclusive classroom environment she's fosters, as well as her exceptional skill, innovation and unwavering dedication to students.
  - Officer Jeremy Howell in recognition of his unwavering commitment to the St. Helens community, and the impactful way he has engaged with students.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Joe Mauk, SHHS Shop Teacher, noted that:
  - The program is thriving but there is a need for funding for tool and equipment maintenance.
  - The students in Woods participated in Skills USA last weekend, and took both first and second place in Carpentry.

- The safety videos generated by his program went live in October and have been widely viewed, even in the absence of advertising. They can be viewed at teachsafely.com.
- There are 287 students signed up for the Woods classes next year, which is exciting.
- A heavy equipment program was started last year, and we've had a lot of interest in that from across the state. The apprenticeship which usually is with the Oregon College of Construction, is wanting to send their students to us to get that training.

- Ryan Drake described the ways the new start times for student in the 2024-25 would be problematic for his family. He asked the board to move the release times at all levels closer together so elder children could look after the younger ones.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Lisa Tyler introduced Kristin Fastabend and the 2nd grade teaching team at L&C and thanked them for their collaboration and excellent work.
- Kristin Fastabend introduced Marcy Schaffer, Laurie Johnson, and Greta Brinson. She described the obstacles this cohort of students has faced due to the COVID shut downs. This team has worked together with RTI strategies to reduce class size, develop literacy intervention service models, and leverage the new curriculum and have seen the work clearly and positively impact students and their literacy levels. Ms. Fastabend noted the team's concern about staffing issues moving forward, as there is still much work to be done to close the gap for students.
- Brooke Vilante, Instructional Coach, Michelle Nett, elementary teacher, Beth Davis, middle school teacher and Jade Jacobs, high school teacher, presented information about their work on the Curriculum Adoption Committee, and their recommendations for the District-wide Science adoption. Teachers at all levels served on the committee throughout the school year, reviewed all state standards, selected materials that comply, then took them back to their buildings for peer and community member review. The teachers reviewed their work and talked about the reasons they selected the curriculum. The Science curriculum suggested for each level includes:
  - Elementary: McGraw-Hill Education: Inspire Science
  - Middle School: Lab Aids
  - High School: Savvas Learning Company

- Jay Groom, SHHS Automotive Teacher:
  - Reviewed the teaching and funding of the CTE programs at the high school. He noted that there are 150 signed up for Auto I next year and more than 40 for Auto II. A diesel program was started last year, and there is an Auto III/IV class, so there should be 12 sections next year. He asked the board to consider the value of the program, noted the increased student interest and many employment opportunities for these students after high school, including the apprenticeship/training programs with Caterpillar and John Deere.
  - Reported that due to that increased student participation and the plan to remove the supersize teaching option, there will need to be additional staffing, or classes will need to be cut. The staff hired should be qualified and paid in a way that akin to wages in their industry.
  - Asked the board to consider an increase of District funding for the CTE programs, to re-institute supersizing until someone else is hired, to hire a grant-writer, to talk about sharing CTE programs with another school, and to discuss the possibility of running the program as a Magnet school, or a separate high school.
  - There were two students from the automotive program that placed 3rd and 5th at the Skills USA competition last week.
    Superintendent Stockwell commented about the ways the district is currently advancing the CTE programs, and requested the minutes from the CTE advisory board meetings so he can hear about the good ideas being generated.
- The District Principals and Directors informed members about the work, activities and planning taking place at each school:
  - Dani Boylan reported that in the Early Learning (EL) Program:
    - She was able to attend an EL conference for directors and owners, and Allyson Dubuque accompanied her.
    - The team is working on filling spots for next year. The private-paid spots for infant/toddler and preschool have all been filled at this time.
    - The Early Learning team is planning the next family engagement event which will be a Fairy Tale Night.
  - Martine Barnett reported that at Columbia City Elementary:
    - There was a really successful Career Day last week. There were six adults representing different industries, and each set up a station for students to learn and ask questions.
    - There was a really fantastic staff PD today focused on AVID. Staff locked in our organizational plan across the building, selected our next Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading, (WICOR) strategy for next year, and selected one of the 5-D's which will support that work.

- Cheri Martin reported that at Lewis & Clark Elementary:
  - They have been focusing on Kindness this month, and it was exciting to see over 40 students receive a first-round award last week.
  - Our staff had an excellent PD session today around AVID.
  - Our first-grade teams have selected a WICOR strategy that they are using five days a week and are seeing tremendous gains.
- Allyson Dubuque reported that at McBride Elementary:
  - They have had a really busy and fun season, and there are several events ahead, including Kindergarten Welcome. They are helping the 5th grade students forecast for next year, and looking closely to match the correct students to the AVID program.
  - They are creating a McBride Ambassador program for rising 3rd and 4th grade students to develop some leadership skills.
- Cris Gwilliam reported that at SHMS:
  - There is a focus in the Social Emotional Learning Center at the middle school on building the students' capacity to participate in general education for the full day. The teacher and IA are doing some great work, including the use of art in the instruction, and the number of negative incidents arising from those students has decreased notably.
  - There are 89 students participating in track, and there is a standout boys 4 x 100 relay team that is amongst the fastest in the state and on the verge of breaking the state record for middle school students.
  - They are working on the master schedule for next year. They are considering running two schedules, one for 8th grade and the other for 6th and 7th.
- Katy Wagner reported that at the St. Helens High School:
  - Both the baseball and softball teams are currently ranked 2nd in the league, so are playing really well.
  - There is a new girls flag football team, and they just won their first game.
  - Choir qualified for state competition which will be on May 3rd, as did the band which will take place on May 9th.
  - Prom will be on May 11th this year, at Castaway.
  - The band recently travelled to Los Angeles to participate in Music in the Parks, and took 1st place in their division and were awarded the Best Overall Band distinction.
  - The Junior class hosted an art fundraiser that was very successful, and raised over $600.
  - NHS hosted a BINGO night, and all the proceeds were matched by Costco and donated to the Doernbecher Children's Hospital.
  - Additional elective classes have been made available this semester, and we are happy to report that Music Appreciation and Computer Application classes are also at capacity.
  - A blood drive was held this week, with participation from community members, as well as staff and students.
  - We're proud of the students that participated in the Skills USA competition and received 3rd and 5th place in Automotive, and 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th place in Carpentry.

        - We had an increase in students that have forecasted for AP, dual credit and honors courses; the enrollment is up 150 over last years.
        - Our Guiding Coalition have all gone through RTI training at this point, and have now reached a stage where every single action step in tier I is in place or partially in place, but none are missing altogether, so will guide our work next year.
    - Martin Hehman reported that at St. Helens Virtual Academy:
        - He recently asked the teachers what were some highlight was for this year, and they reported:
            - They really felt supported by having an administrator in place and always available to help them.
            - They appreciated the improved communication and procedures.
            - They approve of offering 1st and 2nd semester courses year-round.
            - They will continue to work on policies and procedures to better our practices.
            - They plan to create a Family and Student Handbook to increase parent awareness.
- Superintendent Stockwell read the Teacher Appreciation Week Declaration, and thanked the teachers in the District for their excellent work. He also thanked the Board for investing in new curriculum over the last few years to support that work.
- Superintendent Stockwell announced that SHMS Principal Cris Gwilliam has been selected by COSA as the Middle School Principal of the Year. He thanked him for his excellent work. Principal Gwilliam thanked his staff and the District.
- Jessica Seay reviewed Resolution 2023-24 #12 – Authorizing the Acceptance and execution of the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) program grant agreement. She noted that the grant was awarded when the bond passed last May, and that this resolution is required by ODE to document the board's acceptance of the grant agreement. The resolution was provided in advance of the meeting, and there were no comments or questions from members.
- Jessica Seay reviewed the request provided to members in advance of the meeting to approve, acting as the Local Control Review Board (LCRB) a permissive cooperative procurement for the SHHS Field turf and installation services. This will be used for the softball and baseball fields, and will be funded by the OSCIM grant matching program. This is made possible by the Intermountain ESD, acting on behalf of all public schools in Oregon going through a national consortium to vet programs to procure good and services. There were no questions or comments.

VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the board were received.

ACTION ITEMS

- Bill Amos entered a motion to appoint approve the proposed Science Curriculum Adoption. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to so appoint carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2023-24 #12 – AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE OREGON SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MATCHING PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion to so appoint carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

- Ryan Scholl entered a motion to approve the permissive cooperative procurement for SHHS field turf. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Declaration. Ryan Scholl seconded; the motion carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

- May 8, 2024 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m., District Office

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Melody Killens, Board Chair

Scot Stockwell, Superintendent