

St. Helens School District #502
Regular Board Meeting
March 13, 2024

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 13, 2024. This public meeting was observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LXDS0KZIRWyO5izNug9OoA.

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, March 13, 2024.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Melody Killens, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Board Member
Trinity Monahan, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Jessica Seay, Director of Fiscal Services
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant
Jared Plahn, Director of Facilities

Not Present:

Ryan Scholl, Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Melody Killens called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30. 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 Kellen Wroblewski, in recognition of his dedication to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment within his school community.
 - Staff member Kellee Malnasi, in recognition of her unwavering dedication, kindness and commitment to excellence.
 - Shana Allen in recognition of her unwavering commitment to supporting her colleagues, students and community members.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the board were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Lucie Polvogt provided members with an update about the things going on SHHS to include the ASB Campaign Week, AVID's annual Pi Day Toss Fundraiser, the Becoming A Lion Night for 8th grade students and families, and an upcoming blood drive in April.
- 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 Program:
 - The Ready Freddy events have begun for incoming Kinders and their families, and have been very well-attended. The events are taking place at all three elementary schools, and each have a different theme.
 - The second family engagement event, "Glow Night," took place last night and was very successful.
 - The Early Learning team is planning the next family engagement event and
 - Martine Barnett reported that at Columbia City Elementary:
 - They have been challenged with illness rates recently; both amongst students and staff.
 - Two students have graduated from the Title program.
 - OMSI visited with a planetarium experience for 1st grade students and Otter Pups.
 - Mrs. Isis' 3rd grade class has had great growth in reading.
 - There will be a Glow Dance on Friday, sponsored by the PTO.
 - Cheri Martin reported that at Lewis & Clark Elementary:
 - Great work is being done by the 1st and 2nd grade teaching team along with the Title team around reading progress and interventions, including walk-to-read tools. This has been incorporated into our PLC work.
 - We have a group planning another Family Reading Night that will take place in the spring.
 - We have a teaching group that was trained by the Children's Institute (CI) in their "Loose Parts" program. Teacher Leaders are sharing that with their K-2 peers and data is being collected.
 - We appreciate our partnership with the city and police department and are working together to increase safety at drop-off and pick-up.
 - We'll have a school-wide focus on "Kindness" to the end of the year.
 - Allyson Dubuque reported that at McBride Elementary:
 - The Junior PTO is working on a coin drive with a villain and superhero theme. The proceeds will go to staff wellness.
 - They just wrapped up their Read Across America week. The Family Reading Night and book fair was very well-attended.

- They are focusing on improving their Tier I strategies around reading, and there is an energy and excitement around this work. They are working on creating a shared vision around literacy.
- We are doing some problem-solving about the 4th grade students' decision-making, and have launched a friendship academy to focus on this.
- Cris Gwilliam reported that at SHMS:
 - Eight wrestling students qualified to compete in the state tournament, and the girls' team are the state champions. All seven girls placed individually as did the male student.
 - Sixth grade students are at Outdoor School this week, and there has been some great feedback already. The sixth-grade teachers did an excellent job organizing the send-off.
 - We've made a shift in our daily announcements to include information about the high school so that students are becoming increasingly aware of things to expect there.
- Lisa Tyler reported on behalf of Martin Hehman that at the St. Helens Virtual Academy:
 - The elementary enrichment options for March and April will be Robotics and Coding. Students will be building robots tomorrow at the FRC from 1-3:00 p.m., members are welcome to come observe.
 - The next Science Night will take place on April 17th for middle and high school students.
 - Students have provided lots of positive feedback Ms. Walker's art class, which is already at capacity.
 - 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.
 - We continue to work on getting the Homeroom courses up and running, and progress is being made.
- Jessica Seay introduced Levi Norton, Budget Committee applicant. Members interviewed Mr. Norton, who noted he would be willing to serve either a two or three-year term.
- Jessica Seay reported that Heidi Clark, who served as Budget Chair last year, is willing to serve an additional two-year term on the committee.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that when he presented information about the SIA grant and the Early Literacy Grant at the Board meeting on February 28, it was not known that a Board vote of approval was required. He noted that the Board will have an opportunity to vote regarding those items today, accordingly. Members did not have additional questions or comments.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that after speaking with the Leadership Team about the best way to recoup instructional time for elementary students after the inclement weather days, he recommends making May 29 and June 6th full days, rather than operating on the early-release scheduled. Members voiced their concerns, but noted that they trust the team's choice.

- Superintendent Stockwell posted the proposed 2024-25 Bell Schedule to allow additional commentary opportunities for the community:
 - Elementary Schools: 7:45-2:15
 - SHMS: 8:30-3:00
 - SHHS: 8:20-3:20
- Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the district enrollments rates over the last month, noting that there was a very slight decrease.
- Superintendent Stockwell showed the Board images of the steel plate lion silhouette that will be placed at the front of SHHS.
- Superintendent provided members with an update about the SHHS renovation. He noted that photos of SHHS students through the years will be displayed in the entryway. The District will have a photo contest and is working with the Historical Society to gather photos from the community for that project.

VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the board were received.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to appoint Levi Norton to Budget Committee Position No. 4. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to so appoint carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to appoint Heidi Clark to Budget Committee Position No. 1. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion to so appoint carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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8.1		Bill Amos	X		
8.1		Melody Killens	X		
8.1		Ryan Scholl			Not present
8.1	Seconded the motion	Trinity Monahan	X		
8.1	Entered a motion to approve	Kellie Smith	X		

- Trinity Monahan entered a motion to approve the SIA Grant. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion 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		Ryan Scholl			Not present
8.2	Entered a motion to approve	Trinity Monahan	X		
8.2	Seconded the motion	Kellie Smith	X		

- Trinity Monahan entered a motion to approve the Early Literacy Grant Application. Bill Amos seconded; the motion carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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

- Superintendent Stockwell read the 2024 Classified Employee Appreciation Proclamation. Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the Proclamation. Trinity Monahan seconded; the motion carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

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8.4		Bill Amos	X		
8.4		Melody Killens	X		
8.4		Ryan Scholl			Not present
8.4	Seconded the motion	Trinity Monahan	X		
8.4	Entered a motion to approve	Kellie Smith	X		

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

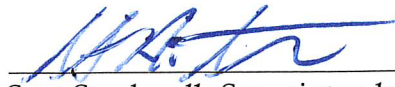
- April 10, 2024 – Board Work Session, 6:30 p.m., District Office
 - 2024-25 Budget Priorities

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Killens adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.



Melody Killens, Board Chair



Scot Stockwell, Superintendent