

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session
August 28, 2024**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Board Work Session at 6:30 p.m. on August 28, 2024 in the District Office Board Room in Columbia County, Oregon. This public meeting was also observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BI23sDBiSOecARprapU-rw..

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 28, 2024.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Ryan Scholl, Board Chair
Bill Amos, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Melody Killens, Board Member
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent
Christy Woodard, Chief Financial Officer
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Trinity Monahan, Board Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scholl called the Board Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Kellie Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously with all members in attendance. Bill Amos had not yet joined the meeting.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the board were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Melody Killens entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously with all members in attendance. Bill Amos had not yet joined the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Christy Woodard reviewed the request for proposal (RFP) used in June to select a real estate broker/agent of record. The RFP cycle ended June 13, and on June 19th one of the three proposers withdrew. The remaining two were reviewed and it was determined that LJC Associates, LLC dba RE/MAX PowerPros had the highest ranking. The District recommends that the board members, acting as Local Contract

Review Board (LCRB), approve awarding the contract to Lea Chitwood, LJC Associates, LLC dba RE/MAX PowerPros. Kellie Smith reported that she is currently working with Lea Chitwood on a personal project, so will recuse herself from the vote.

- Superintendent Stockwell reported that the all-staff Welcome breakfast and family picnic events were well attended and that he received positive feedback from staff. He has observed that the overall attitude of staff is very positive, and there is a lot of excitement about the school year.
- Superintendent Stockwell reported that there was a lot of good professional development opportunities for staff over the summer, and that the T&L team has hired new coaches and is doing some great work.
- Superintendent Stockwell would like to continue researching the data available about cellphone use in schools. He noted that best practice would be for the Board and District leadership to learn what they can about what other districts are doing and what is working, then talking to staff, families and students about the topic. He would like to have a policy in place by the second semester. He acknowledged that the OR State legislature may create a state-wide policy, in the meantime, but that he thinks it important to begin the process. Kellie Smith suggested the culture at the HS should be considered in this conversation, specifically the way that students are paired with an adult support person and how the accessibility would be affected. She suggested each student be allowed to access one out-of-district email address so that they can reach parents from their Chromebooks, as needed.

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ACTION ITEMS

- Melody Killens entered a motion to award realtor contract to LJC Associates, LLC dba: RE/MAX Power Pros. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to so award carried unanimously with “yes” votes by Bill Amos, Melody Killens and Ryan Scholl.

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

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

September 25, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- July and August 2024 Financial Reports
- Teaching and Learning Updates
- Enrollment

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Scholl adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



Ryan Scholl, Board Chair

Scot Stockwell, Superintendent