

**St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
October 9, 2024**

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. in-person in the District Office board Room of the District, County and State, and via Zoom, on October 9, 2024. This public meeting was open to the public as well as observable at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wv-DkZwPRJ6MuhHDsi--2Q.

Members of the community interested in commenting on agenda items were invited to so during the portions of the meeting designated for comments by visitors, or, if they wished to address the Board via Zoom, by emailing the Board of Directors prior to 5:00 on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at: sb502@sthelens.k12.or.us with their topic of discussion.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Ryan Scholl, Board Chair	Not Present: Trinity Monahan Vice Chair
Melody Killens, Board Member	
Bill Amos, Board Member	
Kellie Smith, Board Member	
Keely Scoville, Student Board Representative	
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent	
Christine Woodard, Chief Financial Officer	
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant	

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scholl called the School Board Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

(0:45) Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the agenda. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to so amend the agenda carried unanimously with all those present.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No requests to address the board were received.

AWARD PRESENTATION

(1:17) Emielle Nischik, Executive Director of the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) and Jacob Arnold, OSBA Communications and News Specialist surprised Bill Amos by presenting him with the "2024 Oregon School Board Member of the Year" award. Mr. Amos will be recognized at this year's OSBA Annual Convention in November, and invited to speak to attendees during the convention.

CONSENT AGENDA

(17:04) Melody Killens entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously with all those present.

NEW BUSINESS

- (17:34) Ted Lokken, SHHS Baseball coach, reviewed a proposal for the varsity team to travel to Phoenix during Spring Break, 2025, to participate in the Coach Bob Invitational in and around the Phoenix metro area. He described the success of the trip last year, and the board expressed their approval for the team to go again.
- (26:25) Superintendent Stockwell welcomed the SHHS renovation project managers and Jared Plahn, SHSD Director of Facilities. He noted that Mr. Plahn has been an integral part of all three bond projects, and expressed his appreciation for his hard work.
- (27:23) John Abel of Cornerstone Management and Mark Parsons of Hoffman Construction provided members with an update about the SHHS renovation plan. They noted that as of September, the project was 80% complete in terms of construction and budget. Phase I was turned over in May, and that portion of the building has been occupied since. Building B is now gutted to the studs and moving forward on schedule, with occupancy planned for next spring. There is a plan to move out the modulars and repair the parking lots over the summer.
- (34:05) Jared Plahn provided members with photos and an update about the synthetic baseball and softball field. Both will have all new dug outs, fencing and backstops. The field areas have been excavated and drainage established, and the turf is scheduled to be installed by the end of November. Bill Amos expressed some concern about the line of sight to the field from the bleachers, and the team decided to look at it the next day and evaluate.
- (41:49) Superintendent Stockwell reviewed the current district enrollment numbers. Kellie Smith asked whether the two classes (Kindergarten and 3rd grade) at Columbia City Elementary with over 40 students represent two classes of each. Superintendent Stockwell replied that he will provide classroom details.
- (45:21) *Superintendent* Stockwell provided members with a copy of the survey regarding cellphones in school that included the edits the board recommended during their last meeting. Members provided final suggestions and noted that they want parents to be able to provide input for each of their students, at each level represented. The survey will be sent to students, parents and guardians, and community members. It is Superintendent Stockwell's intention to bring the results back to the Board and to develop a policy for the district during the second semester.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No requests to address the board were received.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kellie Smith entered a motion to amend the agenda. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to amend carried unanimously with all members in attendance.
- Bill Amos entered a motion to add: *Approve Trip Application SHHS Baseball to Phoenix* as an Action Item to the agenda. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously with all members in attendance.
- Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the trip application submitted to allow the SHHS baseball team to travel to Phoenix. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously with all members in attendance.

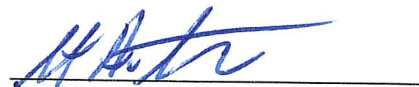
Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
7.1	Seconded the motion	Bill Amos	X		
7.1		Melody Killens	X		
7.1		Ryan Scholl	X		
7.1		Trinity Monahan			Not present
7.1	Entered a motion	Kellie Smith	X		

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

(58:11) Members determined by consensus that the Board Planning Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 16 will not be needed. Therefore, the next meeting of this body will be the Regular Board Meeting, October 23, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Scholl adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 7:33 p.m.


Ryan Scholl, Board Chair
Scot Stockwell, Superintendent

