

St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened in a Special Board Meeting via Zoom at 3:30 p.m., on November 21, 2024. This public meeting was observable at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/kJibHFTDdgM>.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Trinity Monahan Vice Chair
Melody Killens, Board Member
Bill Amos, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Monahan called the School Board Special Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

(0:0:38) Melody Killens entered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

(0:0:56) Trinity Monahan read a statement that included:

- **(0:1:19)** News was given to the Board by local law enforcement today that a teacher at SHMS is the focus of an investigation into alleged criminal conduct, and has subsequently been placed on leave.
- **(0:1:45)** The well-being of students is our highest priority. Please report any concerns to the St. Helens Police Department, the Oregon Abuse Hotline, or the Safe Oregon Tip Line.
- **(0:1:57)** Our schools have provided counseling for processing and peer listening sessions, and additional mental health partners have been brought in to offer additional support.
- **(0:2:19)** The ESD has engaged an external third-party investigator to review the efficacy of district policy implementation, systems for accountability and staff training, including training and accountability for mandatory reporters.
- **(0:2:31)** The SHSD Board of Directors will appoint a temporary acting superintendent. A public board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m., to consider the appointment of an acting superintendent and to introduce him to the community.

- (0:2:58) The Board will begin the process of gathering community feedback which will drive next steps, including identifying an interim superintendent.
- (0:3:06) Board policy BCB – Board Officers, provides that in the absence, incapacitation or death of the board chair, the vice chair will perform the duties of chair, and, when so acting, will have the chair’s powers.

ACTION ITEMS

- (0:3:40) Kellie Smith entered a motion to designate the forthcoming acting superintendent as the spokesperson for the District and for the Board of Directors. Melody Killens seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Item#	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
4.1		Bill Amos	X		
4.1	Seconded the motion	Melody Killens	X		
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4.1		Trinity Monahan	X		
4.1	Entered a motion	Kellie Smith	X		

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

(0:11:05) A Special Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, at 6:30 p.m. It will be a virtual, public meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Monahan adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 3:39 p.m.



 Trinity Monahan, Board Vice Chair