St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
January 8, 2025

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 January 8, 2025. This public meeting was open to the public as well as observable at:

https://www.youtube.com/live/QNAMPVl2lPM.

PRESENT

Those present were:

Trinity Monahan Vice Chair
Melody Killens, Board Member
Bill Amos, Board Member
Kellie Smith, Board Member
Keely Scoville, Student Board Representative
Dr. Steven Webb, Acting Superintendent
Kristi Ward, Executive Assistant

Not Present:

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

(0:59) Bill Amos entered a motion to amend the agenda. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to amend the agenda carried unanimously.

(0:1:13) Bill Amos entered a motion to add:

- Action Item 5.1. Approve Trip Application SHHS Track to Spokane, which would move the current item 5.1 to 5.2 to read:
- 5.2 Appoint Board of Directors Position 3

Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to amend the agenda carried unanimously.

(0:2:06) Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

(0:2:32) Kellie Smith entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Bill Amos seconded; the motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- *(0:2:47)* Neil Ford, SHHS Track Coach and teacher presented a proposed trip application for an indoor track meet in Spokane on January 24th. He provided the details of the trip and noted that a portion of the track team participated in this meet last year as well, and it was a very positive experience. Kellie Smith asked for the SHHD administration team to provide a memo prior to the trip to confirm that all the chaperones and other information provided in the application are secured.
- *(0:11:37)* Vice Chair Monahan described the process by which the board will now interview the three remaining candidates applying for the vacant Board of Directors Position 3. A list of seven questions were asked of each candidate:
    - *(0:13:25)* Mathieu Douglass
    - *(0:26:56)* Reed Hjort
    - *(0:34:04)* Stephen Topaz

  Members deliberated about the appointment, and took turns naming the positive characteristics of each candidate. Four rounds of votes were taken, with some discussion in between regarding additional positive characteristics of each candidate:

Vote # 1	Candidate Selected	Board Member
	Mathieu Douglass	Bill Amos
	Stephen Topaz	Melody Killens
	Reed Hjort	Trinity Monahan
	Mathieu Douglass	Kellie Smith

Vote # 2	Candidate Selected	Board Member
	Mathieu Douglass	Bill Amos
	Mathieu Douglass	Melody Killens
	Reed Hjort	Trinity Monahan
	Reed Hjort	Kellie Smith

Vote # 3	Candidate Selected	Board Member
	Mathieu Douglass	Bill Amos
	Mathieu Douglass	Melody Killens
	Reed Hjort	Trinity Monahan
	Reed Hjort	Kellie Smith

Vote # 4	Candidate Selected	Board Member
	Mathieu Douglass	Bill Amos
	Mathieu Douglass	Melody Killens
	Reed Hjort	Trinity Monahan
	Mathieu Douglass	Kellie Smith

ACTION ITEMS

- ***(1:40:08)*** Bill Amos entered a motion to approve the Trip Application for SHHS Track to travel to Spokane. Kellie Smith seconded; the motion to approve carried unanimously.

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

- ***(1:40:49)*** Kellie Smith entered a motion to appoint Mathieu Douglass to Board of Directors Position 3. Melody Killens seconded; the motion to appoint carried unanimously.

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

Vice Chair Monahan thanked the three candidates that applied and participated in the interview process for their willingness to do so, and their willingness to volunteer.

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

(1:42:58) The Board will meet again for a Planning Session on January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., then in Executive Session at the conclusion of the Planning Session, on that same date, to address a real property matter.

ADJOURMENT

Chair Scholl adjourned the Board Work Session Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Trinity Monahan, Board Vice Chair

Steven Webb, Acting Superintendent