St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2026

The St. Helens School District Board of School District #502 convened at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.
This public meeting was observable at: https://www.youtube.come/@shsdvideo6360

PRESENT

Those present were:

	Yes	No	Late
Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
Director Melody Killens	X		
Director Rochelle Russell	X		
Director Kim Walker	X		
Student Rep: Joseph Howard	X		late

CALL TO ORDER

00:00:01
Board Chair Reed Hjort called the board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute and roll call.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

0:002:35
ORS 192.660(2)(i): To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

2:25:52

AGENDA APPROVAL

2:25:58
Melody Killens motioned to approve the agenda as presented.

Kim Walker entered a motion to amend the agenda adding the Budget Committee interview process as an action item. Christine Smith-Reed seconded.
Discussion:

The motion to add Budget Committee Interview process as an action item to the agenda was carried unanimously.

Agenda	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
	2nd	Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
	M	Director Kim Walker	X		

Christine Smith-Reed entered a motion to approve the agenda as modified. Melody Killens seconded.
Discussion:
The motion to approve the agenda as modified was unanimously.

Agenda	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
	M	Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
	2nd	Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
		Director Kim Walker	X		

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARDS
02:28:18
Board Leadership presented

ASB PUBLIC RELATIONS PRESENTATION
02:36:36
High School student Casey Werner presented.

CONSENT AGENDA
02:39:19

- Meeting Minutes

        - January 28, 2026 Regular Session
        - February 11, 2026 Executive Session
        - February 11, Work Session
    - HR Report
    - ODE Breakfast after the Bell Equipment Grant

- Melody Killens entered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kim Walker seconded.

Discussion:

The motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

Consent	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
	M	Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
	2nd	Director Kim Walker	X		

NEW BUSINESS
02:40:23

- NWRESD Local Service Plan 2026-27 - Dan Goldman
- Budget Priorities - Superintendent Dr. Koreen Barreras-Brown
- Copiers Northwest Lease Agreement Renewal - Ed Leader
- Budget Committee applicants - Selection at March 11, 2026 Regular Session
    - Mariah Flennory
    - Patrick Birkle
    - Traci Nelson
    - Steven Toschi
    - Brady Preheim
    - Tammy Maygra
    - Mathieu Douglass
    - Tom Weaver
    - Corri Boswell
    - Carmin Dunn

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
03:56:36

- Patrick Birkle - Budget awareness across the date. Record requests on bank statements should be provided but should be paid for as well. Grace and empathy for our district staff, including our Superintendent. She has been actively involved more than past staff.
- Heather Boggs - Speaking on behalf of district staff who are not student facing, secretaries. Regarding comments that Director Rochelle Russell stated at the

ACTION ITEMS
04:08:19

11.1. Executive Session - Superintendent's Evaluation

Kristine Smith-Reed moved that the Board accept the Superintendent's Evaluation from the Executive Session. Kim Walker 2nd the motion.

Discussion: (NO Discussion from ES)

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#11.1	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
	M	Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
	2nd	Director Kim Walker	X		

11.2. Resolution 2025-26-007 - NWRESD Local Service Plan 2026-27

Kim Walker moved that the Board approve Resolution 2025-26-007 as [presented] [modified]. Melody Killens 2nd the motion.

Discussion: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#11.2	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		

		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
	2nd	Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
	M	Director Kim Walker	X		

11.3. **SHSD Budget Priorities**

Melody Killens moved that the Board approves the SHSD Budget Priorities as [presented] [modified]. Christine Smith-Reed 2nd the motion.

Discussion: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#11.3	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
	2nd	Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
	M	Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
		Director Kim Walker	X		

11.4. **Copies Northwest Lease Renewal Agreement**

Melody Killens moved that the Board approve the Copiers Northwest Lease Renewal as [presented] [modified]. Kim Walker 2nd the motion.

Discussion: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#11.4	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		

	M	Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
	2nd	Director Kim Walker	X		

11.5. Budget Committee Interview Process

Reed Hjort moved that the Board approve the Budget Committee Process as modified with the dates updated to return the interviews on March 2, 2026 at 5pm. Kim Walker 2nd the motion.

Discussion: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#11.5	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
	M	Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
	2nd	Director Kim Walker	X		

PUBLIC RECORD INTEGRITY & RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

04:11:47

Kim Walker moved that the Board tables the Public Record Integrity & Response to Public Comments to next meeting. Rochelle Russell 2nd the motion.

Discussion: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Action	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		

	2nd	Director Rochelle Russell	X		
	M	Director Kim Walker	X		

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

04:15:24

- Audit Update - Linda Murray
- Student Rep - Joseph Howard

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

- March 11, 2026 - Regular Session with Budget Committee Interviews
- April 8, 2026 Work Session
- April 22, 2026 Regular Session
- April 29, 2026 Budget Committee Info and Training Session

ADJOURMENT

04:31:31

Chair Reed Hjort adjourned the Regular Board of Directors Meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Reed Hjort, Board Chair

Koreen Barreras-Brown, Superintendent