St. Helens School District #502
Board of Directors
Work Session Meeting Minutes
February 11, 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.com/@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		6:22

CALL TO ORDER

00:00:03
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

0:00:50
(ORS 192.660(2)(h)) - To consult with counsel concerning current or possible litigation

RESUME WORK SESSION

0:37:04

EBC EMERGENCY PLAN AND FIRST AID

0:38:24
Jared Plahn presented

- Correction: Emergency Operations Plan will be written in place by the end of June 2027, not June 2026.

KINDER TRANSITION NIMI-GRANT - SPRING 2026

0:48:27
Dani Henningsen presented

HIGH SCHOOL BOND - TURFF
0:55:51
Jared Plahn presented

BREAK
1:54:54

ODE GRANT - COMPREHENSIVE LITERANCY STATE DEVELOPMENT
2:02:37
Jeff Byrnes presented

POLICIES
2:17:31

- JO/IGBAB-AR - education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management
- LBEA - Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Student Enrollment

ACTION ITEMS
02:25:06

10.1. Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

Christine Smith-Reed moved that the Board approve the Superintendent Evaluation timeline as presented. Rochelle Russell 2nd the motion.

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#10.1	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
		Director Kim Walker	X		

10.2. High School Turf Field Resolution 2025-26-006

Christine Smith-Reed moved that the Board approve the High School Turf Field Resolution 2025-26-006 as presented. Rochelle Russell 2nd the motion.

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#10.2	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
		Director Kim Walker	X		

10.3. ODE Grant - Comprehensive Literacy State Development (Corrected)

Kim Walker moved that the Board approve the ODE Grant - Comprehensive Literacy State Development as presented. Melody Killens 2nd the motion.

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#10.3	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
		Director Kim Walker	X		

10.4. Media Requirements and Resolution 2025-26-005

Kim Walker moved that the Board approve the Media Requirements and Resolution 2025-26-005 as presented. Melody Killens seconded the motion.

Discussion: Concerns the City is having with these requirements, look into these.

The motion failed.

Action Item#10.4	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort		X	
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed		X	
		Director Melody Killens		X	
		Director Rochelle Russell		X	
		Director Kim Walker	X		

10.5. Kinder Transition Mini-Grant - Spring 2026

Melody Killens moved that the Board approve the Kinder Transition Mini-Grant - Spring 2026 as presented. Kim Walker 2nd the motion.

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#10.5	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
		Director Kim Walker	X		

10.6. Policy - JO/IGBAB/AR - Educational Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management

Melody Killens moved that the Board approve Policy JO/IGBAB/AR as presented. Rochelle Russell 2nd the motion.

Discussion:

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item#10.6	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
		Director Kim Walker	X		

10.7. **Policy LBEA - Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Student Enrollment**

Christine Smith-Reed moved that the Board approve Policy LBEA as presented. Melody Killens 2nd the motion.

Discussion: Reach out to OSBA regarding the handout that Director Russell provided from ODE with clarification on how the two align. Get back to the Board on the outcome.

The motion passed unanimously.

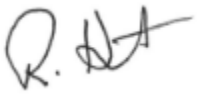
Action Item#10.7	Motion	Board Member	Yes	No	Notes
		Chair: Reed Hjort	X		
		Vice Chair: Christine Smith-Reed	X		
		Director Melody Killens	X		
		Director Rochelle Russell	X		
		Director Kim Walker	X		

UPCOMING MEETING INPUT

- February 25, 2026 - Regular Session
- March 11, 2026 - Regular and Budget Committee Interviews
- April 8, 2026 - Work Session
- April 29, 2026 - Budget Committee Info and Training Session

ADJOURMENT

02:37:31
Chair Reed Hjort adjourned the Regular Board of Directors Meeting at 8:08 p.m.





Reed Hjort, Board Chair

Koreen Barreras-Brown, Superintendent