

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
June 4, 2015**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the David Douglas School District Administration Building, located at 1500 SE 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97233.

School Board Members present were:

	Frieda Christopher, Board Chair	
Bryce Anderson		Shannon Raybold
Donn Gardner		Kyle Riggs
Christine Larsen		Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta

Also present were Don Grotting, Superintendent/Clerk; Ken Richardson, Assistant Superintendent; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

**Call to Order / Flag Salute**

**Student Body President's Report / Recognitions** – ASB President Kyra Conway introduced incoming 2015-16 ASB President Cameron Knopf. Cameron reported that last Thursday, 22 students from Central America visited the high school campus. Next year's Homecoming planning is already underway. 220 seniors spent a day at Oaks Park as their year comes to a close. Eighth Grade visitation went well. Cameron concluded his report by saying he is looking forward to wonderful 15-16 school year. Kyra thanked the board for their support this year. She was congratulated on a job well done.

**Visiting Delegations / Audience Input**

- Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report – Mike Ewald reported that the committee held this month's meeting at West Powellhurst. Rick Rainone reiterated to the group that we could possibly run into a labor shortage going forward. Five gym floors will be renovated this summer, along with other projects. Permitting for the Cherry Park project is complete. Some pipe replacement being undertaken this summer will be paid for by the General Fund. Mr. Ewald said the committee is working to do their best for our taxpayers as well as our students.
- David Douglas High School Principal John Bier – shared a video featuring the story of one of our families which was produced by Josh Gray. He said it speaks not only to our diversity but to our students' resilience. The featured student and her father will be coming in to talk with health classes about the impacts of drunk driving.
- Jami Kelly, high school parent – spoke of her concerns regarding her special needs student's safety and wellbeing in the Life Skills classroom at the high school. She advocated for funding to provide additional classroom assistants for the students' safety, as enrollment in this class is expected to rise. She also requested that the administration visit the classroom, which she said has poor airflow and is not a good teaching or learning environment.
- Joe Kelly, high school parent – remarked that inclusive schools embrace special needs students. He said his son participated on the track team and the other students really supported him. He said David Douglas School District prides itself on maintaining programs, but cannot neglect special education students or their classroom environment. He encouraged considering this group of students a treasure worth funding adequately.
- Becky Greer, OSEA Chapter 40 President – thanked Superintendent Grotting for taking the time to visit the Bus Garage and recognize this year's four retirees from that department. She said his visit was a wonderful morale booster and was very much appreciated by the drivers.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Grotting reported that College Possible has been providing excellent support to our students, primarily those who will be the first generation in their family to attend college. Their support will increase from 40 to 80 students next year. Through their mentorship, one of our graduates was awarded a full ride scholarship to Harvard University. Fir Ridge graduation was held on May 29 to celebrate 119 graduates, followed by a GED recognition ceremony on June 2. The Smarter Balanced Assessment is now complete. Only 21 of our students opted out of the assessment. The superintendent will attend many retirement events around the district this June. He said he is pleased to honor those folks. Applications are being taken for a revitalization grant for career/technical education. The district plans to apply for this support. The July 9 board meeting will be held at the newly acquired Halsey Building, since district offices will have relocated there by then and asbestos abatement will be underway in this building, which will revert to high school space. The David Douglas Historical Society has announced that they will be disbanding at this time since they have been unsuccessful recruiting new members. The \$6,000 in their checking account will be turned over to the Educational Foundation or the district. The superintendent shared a video celebrating the completion of the Earl Boyles Early Childhood Center and thanking donors and supporters. Chair Christopher said that it is wonderful to have reached our fundraising goal and to have demonstrated that a low-income community can make this happen.

**Financial Report** – Patt Komar reported that a budget transfer from contingency is on tonight's agenda to cover potential summer construction. There are general fund projects scheduled for this summer and we want to be sure that we can keep up with costs. ADMr in May came in very close to projections. One of three buses ordered has been received; the other two are due any day.

**Consent Agenda** – Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- Approval of May Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Resolution Setting Tuition for School Year 2015-16
- Resolution to Select a Student Accident Insurance Carrier for 2015-16
- Resolution to Select a Workers Compensation Insurance Carrier for 2015-16
- Resolution Establishing Committed Fund Balance for 2014-15
- Resolution to Select a Property and Casualty Insurance Carrier for 2015-16
- Intergovernmental Agreement: Mutual Aid Omnibus Agreement – Emergency Assistance
- Purchase Order Increase for Fiscal Year 2014-15
- Approval of LGC Pence GMP for High School Phase 3 Renovations
- Resolution Authorizing Amendment #4 to the 2014-15 Budget

**Recess** – The chair declared a brief recess in order for Patt Komar to conduct a public hearing on the 2015-16 budget. Following the hearing, the regular meeting was reconvened.

**Resolution Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2015-16** – Mr. Gardner moved approval, seconded by Ms. Raybold. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said that while she will support this budget, she is very disappointed by the failure of our elected officials to adequately fund our schools. Vice Chair Riggs echoed her remarks, saying it is unacceptable to put districts across the state in this position. He said he realizes there is only so much they can do, but there is a disconnect between what the population desires for its children and what they are willing to pay for. He said he will vote no, due to that disappointment. The motion carried in a vote of 6-1 (in favor: Anderson, Christopher, Gardner, Larsen, Raybold, Scarcelli Ancheta; opposed: Riggs.)

**Special Education Report Card Review** – Barbara Kienle reported that just under 13% of our students are identified for special education services, approximately 1,330 students as of the December 1 census. She reviewed the annual Special Education Report Card, a report which is

required under IDEA. She listed the areas covered by the report, and reviewed graduation rates as compared with state targets, post-secondary outcomes, and secondary transition. IEPs are required to include appropriate, measurable post-secondary goals. Ms. Kienle described the oversight being put in place to improve those percentages. The report also reviewed timelines for eligibility; least restrictive environment; suspension/expulsion; student achievement; and parent survey results. She shared copies of the Early Childhood special education report card as well.

**Nutrition Services Report** – Nutrition Services Manager Jodi Taylor introduced this report by sharing some samples of menu items served to students. She reported that the district participates in three USDA programs: the National School Lunch Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Services Program. Ms. Taylor described eligibility requirements for free or reduced price breakfast or lunch. Under the Community Eligibility Program, schools having 62.5% or more directly certified students qualify to provide free lunch for all students. Mill Park, Lincoln Park, and West Powellhurst currently participate. Fir Ridge, Hinton, and Ron Russell Middle School qualify under this program for next school year.

Ms. Taylor reviewed numbers served over past three years. On an average day, 3,115 breakfasts and 7,467 lunches are served district-wide. The Child and Adult Care Food Program provides summer food service. A building site must have 50%+ free/reduced rate to be a free of charge summer site. The SUN program and Portland Parks also partner with the district to serve district-provided summer meals. Twelve summer meal sites will be open across the district for at least a portion of the summer, as well as three Parks sites. Ms. Taylor reviewed nutritional standards requirements. She described the USDA Healthier US Schools Challenge, in which each of our middle schools earned bronze awards, and reviewed the services provided by our Central Kitchen and by the individual school kitchens. She also described the farm to school vendors with which we work.

**Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) Briefing** – Brooke O'Neill reported that a school district Continuous Improvement Plan is required by State statute. A new three-year plan must be submitted to ODE by June 30. ODE is using Indistar, a web-based process developed for school and district continuous improvement planning, for CIP submissions. The process promotes using research-based indicators to improve student achievement. The district's CIP Leadership Team included a board member, an administrator from each level, all site council chairs, representatives from Early Childhood and Union Leadership, and four District Office TOSAs.

ODE requires districts to focus on four to eight indicators from a list of 37 arranged in five categories: District & School Culture, Family & Community Involvement, Technical & Adaptive Leadership, Educator Effectiveness, and Teaching & Learning. Ms. O'Neill described the process undertaken by the team to assess each indicator. The group chose four CIP Priorities:

- District and School Structure and Culture ~ Indicator DDSC 1.3

District-wide behavior standards create a safe, drug free educational environment that is conducive for learning and area evident in staff interactions with students. Behavior standards are a part of district policy and procedures and are routinely communicated to staff, parents, and students.

- Family and Community Involvement ~ Indicator DDSC 2.4

The district promotes and supports school environments that demonstrate cultural proficiency and integrate cultural values that represent the students and community.

- Teaching and Learning - Indicator DDSC 5.1

The district has rigorous, standards-based curricula which includes but is not limited to vertical alignment across all grade levels (PreK-20), horizontal alignment across all classrooms, and high levels of rigor in content areas including mathematics, English language arts, social studies, science, technology, the arts, and career and technical skill sets.

- Teaching and Learning ~ Indicator DDSC 5.7

The district has a balanced assessment system aligned to the district curricula which include formative, interim and summative measures that are rigorous and cognitively demanding.

The next step in the process was to write a three year plan to reach full implementation. Barbara Kienle reviewed a three year plan for an indicator focused on PBIS. Kelly Devlin described the plan for a family and community involvement indicator. Elise Hall covered the teaching and learning indicator focused on aligning curriculum horizontally and vertically. Derek Edens reviewed the plan to develop a balanced assessment system. Stephanie Myhre said identified teacher leaders are being trained along with administrators to facilitate and support the roll out at the building level. She said the team is very invested in this process. The Educator Effectiveness Grant is paying for this training. Ms. O'Neill said the district will receive feedback from ODE on the submitted plan. She noted that the Educator Effectiveness grant has been crucial to this work as it was an unfunded state mandate.

**Contract Approvals** – Vice Chair Riggs made a motion to move the Serendipity Center contract items into this group of contract approvals in order to take action all at once. His motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Riggs moved approval of the following list of contracts as presented, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

- 2014-15 Serendipity Contract Increase
- 2015-16 Serendipity Contract Approval
- Aloha Produce
- EBS Healthcare Inc.
- Hood River EIECSE Subcontract
- Columbia Gorge ESD EIECSE Subcontract
- Multnomah County SUN Services
- Multnomah County Nursing Services
- Portland Public Schools Deaf & Hard of Hearing Preschool Services
- Portland Public Schools Deaf & Hard of Hearing School Age Services
- PT & ST On Call
- Specialized Student Transportation
- Top Echelon
- Trillium Mental Health Services
- Trillium Outpatient Mental Health Services at HS
- Brethauer On-site Fueling
- Edupoint – Five Year Contract

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items** – Ms. Raybold made a motion to approve the following two resolutions, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- **Resolution Canvassing the Votes of the May 19 Board Member Election**
- **Resolution Authorizing an Electrical Service Easement – Cherry Park**

Chair Christopher announced that the David Douglas School Board will meet in Executive Session on Tuesday, June 9, 6:30pm to conduct the Superintendent's Evaluation.

**Election of Board Leadership for 2015-16** – Chair Christopher opened nominations for board leadership. Mr. Gardner nominated Kyle Riggs as Chair for 2015-16, seconded by Ms. Larsen. There being no other nominations, Mr. Riggs was elected Board Chair for 2015-16 in a unanimous vote. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta nominated Shannon Raybold to serve as Vice Chair for 2015-16, seconded by Mr. Anderson. There being no other nominations, Ms. Raybold was elected Vice Chair for 2015-16 in a unanimous vote. Superintendent Grotting thanked Chair Christopher for her leadership.

**Board Member Reports** – Ms. Larsen reported that the Floyd Light MS band represented the district well in the Junior Rose Parade. She said the Fir Ridge graduation was a very nice event. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said she attended a planning meeting to determine how folks attending her class reunion might support the Education Foundation. Ms. Raybold attended Fir Ridge's graduation

and GED events, which she found inspiring. She also attended an event sponsored by Portland Parks, Soccer for All, with DDHS teacher Anne Downing. It is a free tournament being offered for new immigrants. Representatives from Parks, IRCO, and many other service agencies attended. Ms. Raybold said she also very much enjoyed kindergarten graduation at Gilbert Park. Mr. Anderson reported that he enjoyed the Fir Ridge graduation. Vice Chair Riggs announced that the David Douglas High School band took first place in the Starlight Parade. He said Senior Recognition Night was a treat. He remarked that there was a seven-way tie for Valedictorian, and one student was recognized for having achieved perfect attendance from grades 7 through 12. Chair Christopher reported that the Educational Foundation awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to our seniors. She recently attended a City planning meeting on zoning along with the superintendent. The district has received confirmation that the City will change the zoning for the Elks property, good news as that will provide more flexibility in future use of that site. She'll attend the dinner for the Kaohsiung and Shu-Te High School delegations tomorrow evening along with the superintendent.

**Adjournment** – There being no other business, Chair Christopher declared the meeting adjourned.



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Frieda Christopher, Board Chair



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Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk

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