

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
November 9, 2017**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00pm in the David Douglas School District Board Room, 1500 SE 130, Portland, OR 97233.

School Board Members present were:

Christine Larsen, Board Chair	
Bryce Anderson	Stephanie D. Stephens
Frieda Christopher	Andrea Valderrama
Ana del Rocio	

Also present were Ken Richardson, Superintendent/Clerk; Candy Wallace, Assistant Superintendent; Patt Komar, Director of Administrative Services; Derek Edens, Director of Assessment & Technology; Brooke O'Neill, Director of Curriculum; Kelly Devlin, Director of ESL & Equity; Barbara Kienle, Director of Student Services; Andy Long, Director of Education, and Laurie Brunelle, Board Secretary.

The agenda will include consideration of the following:

**Call to Order / Flag Salute**

**Student Body President's Report** – ASB Student Body President updated the Board on the DDHS United project and shared a short video titled, *Who Are We?* He invited the Board and anyone else interested to attend the high school winter assembly, a tour of the school, and lunch in the Kilt.

**Visiting Delegations**

- Beverly Fischer, President, David Douglas Educational Foundation – Ms. Fischer presented the 2016-17 Annual Report which shows the Foundation's activity of collecting and distributing funds throughout the district. Ms. Christopher highlighted a need for donations of used musical instruments.

**Attendee's Input**

Say Wah Paw, district student and member of Youth Environmental Justice Alliance – Ms. Paw stated there has been a delay in the process of David Douglas Students receiving YouthPass. She is requesting a solution to have them distributed as soon as possible to students in need.

Aallan McKenzie, Parkrose High School student and member of Youth Environmental Justice Alliance – Mr. McKenzie stated that students have not been included in the implementation of YouthPass. He is requesting a system to be created so students who need the passes can receive them first.

Adrian Cato, Youth Environmental Justice Alliance Organizer – Ms. Cato reported that David Douglas has access to funding that will provide free transit passes for their students and they are slowly seeing implementation of the program. She provided a list of suggestions to speed up the distribution process and build an equitable YouthPass program.

Meron Semer, Reynolds High School Student and member of Multnomah Youth Commission – Ms. Semer is concerned that David Douglas students have not received YouthPass and stated that delaying the distribution causes uncertainty to the future of the program. She is requesting the staff and administration work with youth to receive input on the distribution of YouthPass.

Silke Akerson, district parent – Ms. Akerson requested the District to have a concrete plan on recruiting, hiring and retaining teachers of color, and would like to know how the community can participate in making sure an action plan is taking place. Ms. Akerson requested follow-up to community testimony requests.

Katherine Sherman, district parent – Ms. Sherman would like a follow-up from the Board on the implementation of the Inclusion Resolution in regards to the staff being trained on what to do when federal agents come to the school and request student information.

Heather Franklin, district parent – Ms. Franklin would like the Board to respond to testimony and questions from the public. She is requesting better hiring practices and would like an update on the Inclusion Resolution.

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Richardson reported that Central City Concern broke ground on a health care facility in our District that will serve 3,000 people, and the Sunshine Division opened a second location on 124th Stark. He thanked the high school for participating in college application week. This is a nationwide program to help students apply for post-secondary degrees. He provided the Board data on our current homeless students and informed them of our participation in the Safe Oregon Tip Line, which allows the public to provide anonymous tips on anything safety related. Mr. Richardson shared the four key points the Superintendent's Council came together with in a COSA Vision and Action Plan meeting: equity, well rounded student centered education, social and emotional well-being, and Oregon education workforce. He made a request for the community to take the survey that was sent out to all District families. Mr. Richardson reported that we received the CTE Middle School Grant to work with 6th and 7th graders on CTE opportunities. He stated we have a tentative settlement with the classified staff and thanked the bargaining team and the classified staff for all they do every day for our kids.

**Consent Agenda** – Ms. Christopher moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Anderson. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

- Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Contract Approvals 2017-18

**Senate Bill 263 Presentation** – Ms. Kienle reported on Senate Bill 263 which passed in the 2017 Legislative session. The bill prohibits the unilateral placement of a student of any age in an abbreviated school day or program. It does not apply to students that are abbreviated as a component of discipline or who are on track to graduate. The bill does apply to all students with or without an IEP. Parents must provide written consent/acknowledgement to the abbreviated day. Ms. Kienle provided the timeline of implementation and the current student data for students on an abbreviated school day for 2017-18.

Board member Kyle Riggs entered the board meeting at 7:52pm.

**Annual Academic Report** – Mr. Edens presented the data from our District Report Card. This data informs us of who were the students in 2016-17, what are the Smarter Balanced Assessments, what are the components of Oregon's accountability system, at what levels are the students achieving and growing, and what are the district and schools doing to ensure increased student achievement for all students. The enrollment for October 1, 2016 was 10,576 students with 12.1% eligible for special education, 22.7% are active ELL students, 43% learned

a language other than English, and over 70 languages are spoken by our students. The Smarter Balanced Assessment is in English Language Arts and Math. The federal and state report card measured indicators are academic achievement, academic growth, student group growth, graduation, and student group graduation.

Ms. O'Neill reported that our data is analyzed at both the district and the school level with school improvement plans on file. We look at areas of celebrations and areas of concern and determine if there is a pattern or trend that we need to address. The English Language Arts and Math components at the elementary level is consistent in instructional minutes, response to instruction, proficiency-based report card, NGSS Science Units, and coaching support. At the secondary level there is consistency in curriculum maps, priority standards, research-based reading interventions, standards-based teaching and learning, constructing meaning, response to instruction, and program coordination and coaching.

**Lead Update** – Ms. Komar gave a brief update on radon and water lead testing being done in our schools and buildings. She reminded the Board that the Healthy and Safe Schools Plan is on the District website for the public to view plans, maps of fixtures, and results.

**OSBA Election** - Mr. Riggs moved approval of the Board's collaborative vote for OSBA Board of Director candidates, Legislative Policy Committee positions, and Resolution 1: Reorganizes the Oregon School Board Association as a Non-Profit Corporation and Adopts the Proposed 2017 Bylaws. Seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

**Enrollment Report** – Mr. Richardson reported that the district enrollment is down by 194 students, with 192 down in elementary school, 32 up in middle school and 34 down in high school. He directed the Board to the five year enrollment growth, which shows a decline, our three year comparison for elementary and middle school class sizes, and the District enrollment from 2013 to current.

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items** – Ms. Komar provided a Request for Proposals for Public Relations and Bond Planning Services for the Board to review and provide feedback.

Mr. Richardson informed the Board of an opportunity to purchase a table at the All Hands Raised fund raiser event on March 14th.

The Board had a discussion on how to give comments and feedback to the community in regards to their public testimony questions and requests such as; communication through website or setting up a constituent townhall/coffee meeting.

Ms. del Rocio would like a follow-up on how students were treated in the process of advocating for YouthPass.

Ms. Larsen requested a push to get the family surveys returned to us. Mr. Richardson stated there is a plan to incorporate the advertising and push of the survey in the upcoming student conferences along with weekly requests to families.

Ms. Devlin shared that we hosted four culturally specific family engagement events this week for Southeast Asian, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Somali families. We provided interpreters who were able to go through the family survey with the families.

Mr. Anderson moved approval of the following Veteran's Day Proclamation: *The David Douglas School Board wants to recognize and thank the Veterans for their service.* This was seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

### **Board Member Reports**

Mr. Riggs reported that he met with some administrators to ask questions around dress code. He continues to believe that the only aspect of this that is Board work is; to direct the Superintendent's Office to work with Administrators to review and update the dress code as necessary to be an equitable policy that can be managed by staff, and to provide staff training and communication to District families. Mr. Riggs stated that in discussing the concepts of teacher diversity last month, the direction of the conversation resulted in the discussion being positioned as being about teachers that are non-white. Understanding the reasoning behind it from our side of it makes sense based on the discussion we were having. However, positioning the discussion that way could be a concern to some. In talking with parents for an example, a portion of our transfer out students attend Kelly Elementary in PPS. This is because they feel that the Russian Immersion program is a benefit to their children. Members of our district in that position would likely see the addition of a culturally diverse teacher with an Eastern European background as a positive, even though statistically that teacher would be white. Mr. Riggs made a statement in regards to the David Douglas community's willingness to give and their desire to make things better for kids. He reported that a bus driver gave all the kids on the bus winter gloves.

Ms. Valerrama stated that she appreciated hearing testimony from the students. She is interested in the data on the homeless students and would like to have future conversations on the issue. Ms. Valderrama said she is impressed by student leadership and is excited to see the amount of advocacy and engagement from the Student Council and students at the high school. She would like to learn more about the DDHS United movement.

Ms. del Rocio stated that she was really grateful for the students who testified and for student leadership in general. She shared that in January she will be starting a new job as Color PAC's first State Director. Ms. del Rocio extended an invitation to her reception on December 29th at Sweet Jam. She hopes to continue her public service in this new roll.

Ms. Stephens stated that she has a new job, and one of the last things she did at her former job as the Grant Writer for Unite Oregon was to write a proposal to Meyer Memorial Trust Equitable Education portfolio. This resulted in Unite Oregon being granted \$165,000 to have a parent organizer working in David Douglas middle schools. For the next three years there will be someone available to help in cross cultural leadership development, parent organizing, and outreach.

Ms. Christopher reported that City Council was at the high school on Wednesday evening to present the master plans for three east Portland Parks. The plans were accepted which is the next step before funding. Ms. Christopher will be attending *Shrek The Musical* on opening night. She had an opportunity with the EPAP members to meet with the Mayor in east Portland and they were able to discuss affordable housing issues. Ms. Christopher said the David Douglas Educational Foundation is looking at proposals to upgrade their website.

Ms. Larsen gave a reminder of the opportunity to donate coats for kids. They can be brought to the bus garage or any school. She said tomorrow is opening night for *Shrek The Musical* and it's sold out. She requested everyone to try and make it to the musical because they really do a great job.

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



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Christine Larsen, Board Chair



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Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk