

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
March 14, 2019**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00pm in the David Douglas School District Board Room, 1500 SE 130th Ave, Portland, OR 97233.

School Board Members present were: Frieda Christopher, Board Chair; Andrea Valderrama, Vice Chair; Donna Barber, Kyle Riggs, and Stephanie D. Stephens.

Also present were: Ken Richardson, Superintendent/Clerk; Candy Wallace, Assistant Superintendent; Patt Komar, Director of Administrative Services; Derek Edens, Director of Assessment & Technology; Mary Pearson, Director of Student Services; Andy Long, Director of PK-12 Education, and Laurie Brunelle, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Student Body President's Report - Aleena Thammavong reported on high school news and activities.

- Students had a difficult day today after hearing about the death of a sophomore student. A Flight Team was activated and available to help students and staff as needed.
- 52 students from Japan attended the high school, shadowed with a student partner, and learned what it's like to be a student in America.
- A check for \$20,000 was presented to Scot's Angel Dylan Barrera and family.
- Aleena Thammavong was chosen as the David Douglas District Rose Festival Princess.

Attendee's Input

Craig Rogers, district resident

- Safe and healthy neighborhoods.
- Dangers and hazards at Portland Parks.

Chris Conklin, district parent

- 3rd Grade is a pivotal point in education.
- Improving future graduation rates.

Visiting Delegations

David Douglas Music Department – Tom Muller, David Douglas High School Music Director announced that March is Music in Our Schools Month.

- The purpose is to raise national awareness of the importance of music education for all children.
- Currently the District has 2,140 students in secondary music programs.
- Music increases test scores and teaches teamwork, cooperative learning, and increased language and reasoning.
- Band students have a graduation rate of 91%, and choir and orchestra students are close to the same level.
- Mr. Muller provided a list of high-level performance music awards our students have received this year.

David Douglas High School Community Garden – Trisha Fischer, CTE Teacher and students Said Mamedov and Roberto Rios-Perera.

- The students gave an overview of the garden and community recreation area which included driveways, walkways, water spigot placements, fencing, and sheds. A 3D model was provided to view the design.
 - Community Garden is 19,195 square feet.
 - Community Recreation area is 15,914 square feet.
- This is a team project with Portland Parks and Recreation.
- Garden plots will be available to purchase by the community at the end April.

Women's History Month Proclamation - Ms. Valderrama presented the Women's History Month Proclamation. She highlighted the following data points.

- The overall graduation rate of 80.9 % of girls was higher than the boy's average of 70.9%.
- Graduation rate for girls of color: Asian American 88.3%, Black 77.1%, Hispanic/Latinx 85.7%, Native American and Alaska Native 100%, Pacific Islander 85.7%, Multiracial 62.5%.
- Many women across the District hold leadership positions at the student, staff, and administrative level.

Ms. Thammavong remarked the proclamation is a great start here at David Douglas to begin having equality and women empowerment in all fields. Mr. Richardson recognized women's leadership as being strong, powerful, and compassionate. Ms. Christopher read the Proclamation.

Classified Employee Recognition Proclamation – Mr. Richardson recognized Classified Employee Appreciation Week which was held from March 4th – 8th. There were many celebrations and activities throughout the week. He stated our classified staff truly makes a difference in our students' education and lives. He read the Proclamation.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Richardson reported to the Board.

- DDSD and Warner Pacific Partnership – We are designing a program that allows classified employees to extend their education to become teachers through a program at Warner Pacific.
- Received an OSEA complaint regarding a concern with asbestos in our tunnels at the high school. Most of the abatement has been done.
- Testing season has begun and students do have an opportunity to opt out. Letters were sent home.
- Received an inclement weather memo from ODE as a reminder of the impact on instructional hours.
- SRO meeting attendees: Superintendents and Board Chairs from David Douglas, Parkrose, Portland Public, Mayor Wheeler, Portland Police Chief Outlaw. All three districts communicated:
 - We value SROs and think they are part of the safety plan but as a school district we believe it's a community investment and the Portland Police or City should be paying for it, not the district.
- Government's recommended budget is \$8.97 billion.
 - This number is a cuts budget and barely current service level.
 - Joint Ways and Means Co-Chairs came out with an \$8.87 billion. Shortfall for our District equates to just under \$1 million.
 - At 5% contingency –zero investments and looking at a two million dollar shortfall at \$8.87 billion.
 - At 3% contingency - looking at a \$1.5 million surplus to be used for essential adds and essential investments.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Stephens moved approval of the following Consent Agenda items, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion approved in a vote of 5-0.

- Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February Board Workshop Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Superintendent Contract Renewal
- Contract Approvals 2019

Budget Committee Discussion – This agenda item is being moved to the April 11th meeting.

Board Meeting Procedures Discussion – Ms. Christopher requested removal of first reading and the following two additional policies were added: BDDC – Board Meeting Agenda and BDDG – Minutes of Board Meetings.

- Policy BDDH – Public Participation in Board Meetings
- Policy BCBA – Student Representative to the Board
- Policy BD/BDA – Board Meetings/Regular Board Meetings
 - Ms. Valerrama reported that in sorting through feedback of board meeting procedures there are policy changes that will be necessary. Recommendations for amendments will be given to the Policy Committee and brought back to the full Board for discussion.
 - Ms. Stephens requested creating annual goals for the Board.

Mr. Richardson informed the Board that the approval of the 2019-20 Board Meeting Calendar will be presented at the April 11th meeting. We have checked for conflicts and a draft will be emailed to the Board before this date.

Ms. Valderrama departed from the meeting.

Lead Testing Update - Ms. Komar provided an update of lead testing that was reported at the February 14th meeting.

- After a meeting with the State there was still some indecisiveness on whether or not the Bradley hand washing sinks in the restrooms needed to be replaced. Technically they are not there for drinking, just washing hands.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items

- Approval of David Douglas High School Kilt Kitchen Remodel Award. First Cascade had the lowest bid. Ms. Stephens moved approval of the Remodel Award, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion passed in a vote of 4-0.
- PSU Enrollment Forecast Update – Ms. Komar gave an updated enrollment projected forecast from PSU.
 - In 2014 the projected number of enrollment was 13,627
 - The last few years our enrollment has declined to 10,242.
 - In the current 2019 forecast PSU has developed a low, middle, and high series of forecasts.
 - They have extended their forecast out to 2038-2039.

Mr. Riggs commented on the birthrate for women ages 15-19, which should be declining more than forecasted. He requested to revisit previous discussions on this subject.

Ms. Christopher reported the following requirements to apply for School Board member positions: live in the District for a year, be a citizen and registered voter.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Riggs – Commented on the Equity Committee putting together a lot of great ideas but some of the things they are putting into their potential proposals barely could be considered gracing racial equity. They are getting things that are fantastic but will be in a different vein. He will communicate this feedback to the Committee at the next meeting.

Ms. Barber – Visited Mill Park Elementary School, had a good conversation with the Principal and enjoyed seeing the students who looked like they were enjoying being at school. She stated she was amazed at hearing Mr. Muller’s music report about the band students having a graduation rate of 91%.

Ms. Stephens – Her 3rd grade students attended the Schnitzer Concert Hall music performance. They were excited to sing with the orchestra

Ms. Christopher – Attended the Schnitzer Concert Hall music performance with the elementary students and stated it was a wonderful event. Attended the Somali Your Voice Matters meeting. Still working on housing and making headway with the City.

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



Frieda Christopher, Board Chair



Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk