

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
August 10, 2017**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, August 10, 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	Kyle Riggs
Frieda Christopher	Stephanie D. Stephens
Ana del Rocio	Andrea Valderrama

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**

**Attendee's Input -**

Heather Franklin, district parent – Ms. Franklin said she hopes the School Board will choose to censure Mr. Anderson to let the community know they stand against discrimination. She reported on the District's suspensions and expulsions. She said in 2016-17 black students were suspended 3.3 times greater than their white peers for minor conduct reasons. In David Douglas High School, black students were suspended at a rate of 6.6 times greater than their white peers in minor offenses and white students were suspended at a rate of 1.3 times higher than their peers for major offenses. Ms. Franklin is requesting a formation of a Civil Rights Department in the David Douglas School District, and would like the Board to give monthly reports by race in suspension and expulsions.

Katherine Sherman, district parent – Ms. Sherman said she was here to reaffirm that there has been no meaningful action taken on censuring Mr. Anderson. She said the turnover of Board positions doesn't erase something that is true, and the parents are still waiting for a sign that the District is behind every student.

**Election of Board Leadership for 2017-18** - Board Chair Christine Larsen opened up nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Riggs nominated Ms. Christopher, seconded by Mr. Anderson. There being no other nominations, Ms. Christopher was elected Vice Chair for 2017-18 in a vote of 7-0.

**Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Richardson shared a report with the Board on the Enrollment and Credits by High School through Mt Hood Community College. He said David Douglas High School has the highest amount of credits earned by high school students. The total amount of credits earned was 9,085. This is a savings of over \$850,000 for our students. Mr. Richardson updated the Board on the following District events; August 23rd is a New Teacher Luncheon, which is a great opportunity for new hires to be in one place and have a meet and greet. August 25th is the White Glove Tour. This is a tradition for Board members to visit every school and see if they're ready for kids. They get a chance to meet with the Principals and the Custodians who have an opportunity to show off their buildings. August 28th is the staff picnic that's being held at the high school stadium. Lunch will be provided along with a benefits fair and health and wellness activities. There will be an awards ceremony and a chance to celebrate our 25-year employees with our traditional 25-year bell. Mr. Richardson said through the hard work of Human Resources and

the Business Department we have received over \$5,000 in donations to provide lunch for the staff and gift cards for a staff raffle.

Mr. Richardson said measure 98 passed, which was the measure that requires funding around CTE, college prep opportunities, drop out prevention for high school, and eighth grade into high school. He said we received our funding which looks like it's coming in at \$3.1 million over the biennium and comes with very significant criteria on how we spend the money. Mr. Richardson updated the Board on the TriMet YouthPass. The District will receive around \$306,000 to purchase youth passes for our students for transportation around our community. Mr. Richardson received an email from OSU Extension, which is related to Measure 99, the funding for Outdoor School. He said this is a grant process and we will apply. Mr. Richardson said Multnomah ESD approached us regarding the funding of a Public Affairs Specialist. We are planning to partner with Gresham-Barlow, Reynolds, Centennial, Corbett, Riverdale and Parkrose. We will look at the ability to hire someone in November.

Mr. Richardson updated the Board on the following construction projects. He said Lincoln Park is ahead of schedule, Mill Park is on schedule and Alice Ott is getting close. He shared a story from Head Football Coach, Josh Dill. Mr. Dill said he had 30 members of the Scots Football Team out in the community giving back by doing yard work. They worked at 6 different houses and even did some work at Cherry Park and the high school. Mr. Dill said he is proud to coach these young men and said they deserve a pat on the back for their willingness to serve. Mr. Richardson gave thanks to the students and to Mr. Dill for organizing this event.

**Financial Report** – Ms. Komar said the General Fund has increased slightly and we are still in the process of closing out invoices. We initially projected our ending fund at \$10.9 million so we are slightly above that projection at \$11.6 million. She said we are up in Nutrition Services because our expenditures were lower than anticipated. The Grants Fund is projected at \$3.1 million, which is due to Medicaid reimbursements for Early Childhood. Lincoln Park is our Capital Project, which started out slow but speeded up with most of the expenditures in July. The windows are going in this week and they are planning on opening early. Ms. Komar said she projected the Construction Excise Tax a little high and expects it to be \$62,000 less than anticipated.

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

- Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of Alternative Education Programs for 2017-18
- Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to be the District Authorized Representative to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2017-2018 School Year
- Renewal of Menlo Park Plaza (Glisan location) Lease for Early Childhood Program

**Public Complaint Disposition** – Board Chair Larsen presented the public complaint of a possible FERPA violation against the superintendent, DDHS principal, assistant principal, and teacher. Mr. Riggs moved to open discussion on the complaint, seconded by Ms. Stephens. Mr. Riggs said the Board should address the complaint, and in his view they should deny it based on merit because it does not meet violation of FERPA. Ms. Christopher stated that as a Board they received a legal opinion, which stated it did not violate FERPA. Mr. Anderson stated that it is very important for the Board to listen to our legal council and follow their recommendations. Ms. Stephens said the legal opinion matters, which says there is no violation. Mr. Riggs motioned to accept the complaint, seconded by Ms. del Rocio. The motion to accept the complaint was opposed in a vote of 7-0.

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items** - Ms. Stephens acknowledged the data that was presented earlier from a district parent, and would like to look at this in a larger framework. She said we have an amazing ESL & Equity Director at David Douglas but we don't have a specific equity plan. She would like to put forward a process that creates a Board Sub Committee on equity that will include members of the community. Ms. Stephens said we need to uplift the work that Ms. Devlin has done and show the community we heard the issues that were brought forward in the last few meetings.

Ms. Larsen gave the Board a reminder of the upcoming OSBA Conference this fall in downtown Portland. She also mentioned the NSBA Spring Conference in Texas. She said due to budget cuts they will be rethinking the number of Board members who will attend. Ms. del Rocio said she objects to traveling to Texas due to the implementation of Senate Bill 4, which will be effective on September 1st. She said given the anti-immigrant sentiment in that state we should not be using taxpayer's dollars to fund travel to Texas.

Ms. Christopher suggested a board workshop on equity training for the Board.

Ms. del Rocio said she experiences hardship as a mother of two small children with the timing of the board meetings. She suggested having a separate monthly meeting for the purpose of data, reports and information sharing, and the other meeting could begin earlier and end earlier. Ms. del Rocio would like to maximize community participation by opening up childcare and providing food. Ms. Stephens suggested looking at the East Portland Action Plan model. She said they do an incredible job with community engagement. Ms. Larsen said there is a Girl Scout badge for babysitting and our school district has a lot of cadet level Girl Scouts who would love to have this opportunity.

### **Board Member Reports**

Ms. Stephens reported she's been on vacation the past two weeks. She said she enjoyed the board training and got a good sense of the team skills and what everyone brings to the table. Ms. Stephens said she is excited to serve the District.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Board of his idea and previous discussion of having the District do something in recognition of Constitution Week. He said Ms. Stephens suggested having a Naturalization Ceremony at the high school but unfortunately it's too late to do anything this September. He encourages classes to take field trips downtown to witness these ceremonies or visit the Evergreen Air Museum on Veteran's Day. Mr. Anderson said there is a possibility of the District hosting a Ceremony in September 2018. Ms. del Rocio said she strongly objects to the District's involvement because she does not believe we should call attention to citizenship or create a stigma around those who are not citizens. She said we do not have the resources to lose instructional time and it would not be wise considering the sensitivity around this issue. Ms. Christopher said we have a large immigrant and refugee population who get citizenship all the time. We should check with them because they may like the idea of being recognized in a ceremony here. Ms. Stephens said she is involved in an organization that is part of a project called New American Citizens Voters Project. In the past several years she has registered over 20,000 citizen voters in these ceremonies and it's a really positive day. Ms. Stephens said Constitution Day is also Citizenship Day.

Ms. Christopher said she is serving on the stakeholder group for the Housing Bond Measure and next Monday is their last meeting bringing the framework together. She is actually serving for East Portland Action Plan Housing Committee and has managed to get a couple of things into the criteria that will be helpful to the District. She said there are problems with concentrating on low income. This does impact the school with additional work and costs and she has asked them to look into school catchment areas and only have one new building added to each catchment area. She said she is pushing to stabilize our housing in East Portland. Ms. Christopher said she has joined the

Office of Homeless Services who are seeking committee members that have school district experience.

**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