

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
June 7, 2018**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:00pm in the David Douglas School District Board Room, 1500 SE 130th Ave, Portland, OR 97233.

School Board Members present were:

Christine Larsen, Board Chair	
Frieda Christopher	Stephanie D. Stephens
Kyle Riggs	Andrea Valderrama

Excused Absence : Bryce Anderson and 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 & Instruction; Kelly Devlin, Director of ESL & Equity; Barbara Kienle, Director of Student Services; Andy Long, Director of PK-12 Education, and Laurie Brunelle, Board Secretary.

The agenda will include consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute -

Visiting Delegations –YouthPass Implementation Presentation – Adrian Cato, Youth Organizer, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon. Ms. Cato informed the Board that Youth Environmental Justice Alliance (YEJA) is a youth leadership program that organizes low income youth and youth of color predominantly in East Portland. In 2015, YEJA launched the *YouthPass to the Future campaign* around the following three major points; demanded that YouthPass be prioritized and permanently funded, called for expansion of the transit program to East Portland students and improvement to the transit service in the school district, and pushed for frequent bus service around schools in East Portland. Ms. Cato gave a breakdown of the timeline from 2015-2017. In December 2017, YEJA distributed surveys asking students if having access to a free transit pass had any impact on attendance, or allowed them to do any of the following; participate in a sport, be a part of an after school club, get to their job or internship, travel to school and/or home. Ms. Cato gave program recommendations for 2018-19 with key things to shape up the program a bit differently and incorporate it more into campus culture. She thanked everyone who had a role in the implementation of YouthPass.

Attendee's Input -

Craig Rogers, district resident – Mr. Rogers shared he is now seeing families enjoying the Floyd Light Middle School area and it's amazing. He thanked the Board for supporting Mr. Richardson and Mr. Pease in helping to make this happen. In regards to PERS, he requested the Board to get proactive and start leaning on some people to tell them to do the prudent thing.

Silke Akerson, district parent – Ms. Akerson stated that four of our mascot school names are a problem in terms of being welcoming to all students. The Scot's and Vikings are white or European specific ethnicities and she feels this is not appropriate for a diverse school district. The Minutemen and Patriots have similar racial connotations and seems to counter having a welcoming environment in the schools.

Heather Franklin, district parent – Ms. Franklin thanked the District and Board for the work on the dress code update. Her children are relieved and will start school next year with reduced stress. She stated that some of the parents had a point of confusion in the dress code and she requested

clarification. Ms. Franklin asked the Board to seriously consider ending out of school suspensions and look at other models that have been successful.

Recess – Chair Larsen called for a recess for Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2018-19 which was facilitated by Patt Komar, Director of Administrative Services.

Resolution Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2018 – 19. Ms. Valderrama moved approval of Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2018-19, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion carried in a vote of 5-0. Mr. Riggs thanked Ms. Komar for all the work and stated that separately from the District, the budget is inadequate again. We have legislators who prioritize education but he does not believe them anymore because clearly it's not the case. Ms. Stephens stated that for those that were not at the Budget Committee meeting it was clear the District listened on some needed priorities including increasing health staff and counseling. She appreciates the investments we are able to make and hopes to increase public engagement in the budget process.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Mr. Richardson reported that it was very exciting to have 79 graduates walk across the stage at the Fir Ridge graduation and 580 for the high school. He took the opportunity to recognize the entire District and thanked all teachers, classified staff, counselors, cabinet, and administrators for having a hand in getting the students across the stage. He informed the Board of the Shu-Te performance on Monday, June 11th and said that every year there is an amazing performance. Mr. Richardson gave a follow-up on the 128th and Glisan project that has two crosswalks being built on each side of a pedestrian bridge. He said we are still engaged in the conversation but at this time there is no answer and no right or wrong, we just know that it's planned. Mr. Richardson said he had a request from Board member Ms. del Rocio to have a briefing around current disciplinary practices and procedures. We will have a presentation in our July 12th Board meeting to include this information. He reported that the May 22nd revenue forecast release shows the legislature is going to have more money to work with but the personal and corporate kicker will decrease the pot.

Mr. Richardson reminded the Board that our community college of record is MHCC but our students are choosing to go to PCC. A meeting is scheduled in June with both colleges to have a discussion on this issue and determine how we can work together. He reported that we had our preschool playground dedication at Mill Park Elementary School which was a fun and exciting activity, and a great addition to our community. Mr. Richardson informed the Board that the Early Learning Steering Committee began conversations about our early learning programs, alignment, investments, and how we'll continue moving forward. In September, Early Works and our Parents United group will be invited to give a presentation which will include a focus on family engagement.

Mr. Richardson recognized the staff who are retiring this year and thanked them for their loyalty, dedication, and all they've done for kids. He acknowledged Ms. Kienle who has served in the District for 32 years. He said she has been the Director of Student Services since 2004 and you will not find a bigger champion for all students who has the heart for underserved students. She is an advocate for all kids. Ms. Christopher said on behalf of the David Douglas Educational Foundation she thanked Ms. Kienle for all the work she has done with the kids fund and helping to kick off the Richard Cole family fund this year.

Financial Report – Ms. Komar reported that the General Fund's proposed budget was an estimated \$14.4 million and she is projecting the ending fund balance to be \$14.5 million. She said we will still be working through encumbrances through July and as we start closing out the year she will have

updates for the Board. In the Capital Projects Fund, the Bond Oversight Committee recommended to use the funds to replace the Ventura Park boilers. We received one bid at over \$1.3 million so we tabled it for the summer and will go back out to bid in the fall. We are also looking at redirecting funds towards Alice Ott, but Ms. Komar would like to make that recommendation to the Bond Oversight Committee. The District Office renovation has begun and we may need to do a budget adjustment in July or August depending on how far they get. Mr. Richardson reported that the Yaws demolition could start in a couple of weeks.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Komar requested to pull the Purchasing Approval for Goodyman Distributing due to a minor protest. Legal Counsel recommended the Board approve this and delegate the resolution of the protest to the Superintendent or his Designee. Mr. Riggs moved approval of the amended Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Ms. Stephens. The motion carried in a vote of 5-0.

- Approval of May Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May Work Session Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of Alternative Education Programs for 2018-19
- Contract Approvals
- Resolution to Select a Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier for the 2018/19 School Year
- Resolution to Increase Meal Prices for the 2018/19 School year
- Resolution to Select Student Accident Insurance Carrier for K-12 Students
- Resolution to Select a Property and Casualty Insurance Carrier for the 2018-19 School year
- Resolution Setting Tuition for School Year 2018-19
- IGA: Mutual Aid Omnibus Agreement – Emergency Assistance 2018-19

Purchasing Approval for Goodyman Distributing - Mr. Riggs moved approval to delegate the resolution of the protest to the Superintendent or his Designee, seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion carried in vote of 5-0.

Radon Update – Ms. Komar provided a summary report of the radon testing that's been completed in our schools and gave an update from prior reports. She gave a reminder that this information is on our District Website.

Committee Reports –

- Equity Committee - Mr. Riggs reported the Equity Committee meeting discussion that took place today was around building the Committee's background knowledge of practices and successes.

Second Reading: Board Policy – Mr. Riggs moved approval of the following policy, seconded by Ms. Stephens. The motion carried in a vote of 5-0.

- JEBA – Early Entrance
- JFCG/JFCH/JFCI – Use of Tobacco Products, Alcohol or Drugs or Inhalant Delivery Systems

Other Business / Future Agenda Items

Ms. Larsen reported that she attended the Fir Ridge and David Douglas High School graduations. She said it was a privilege to hand out diploma covers to all the kids. Almost all of them were happy, and it's nice to see all of our kids there and know this is our future. Both schools were well behaved and had really great student speakers. Ms. Larsen thanked the school staff who helped out with the graduations. Ms. Larsen proposed to eliminate the 2nd Board meeting in July and August so staff can take their vacations. She suggested the June 21st meeting be an Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation.

- PERS Options – Ms. Komar provided the Board a PERS Options packet and informed them that there are several districts that are looking at going out for another PERS Bond. If we are interested,

we need to get an actuarial analysis going that will reserve our spot. After the results are in, the Board will need to make a determination on whether or not to go out for a bond.

Board Member Reports –

Ms. Stephens reported that there was another incident of racist graffiti at Cherry Park. She feels it's important when something like this happens for the District to notify the public and to say very strongly that we are a welcoming environment and this is not tolerated in our community. Mr. Richardson said a message is going out to all Cherry Park families and another one to the entire District about the incident. There is also a video that's being shared with the police to be included in the investigation process.

Mr. Riggs stated the graduations were fantastic. He said that watching the kids was amazing but getting to watch the parents is one of the perks of sitting on the stage. They've earned it just like their kids did.

Ms. Valderrama attended the David Douglas High School graduation and stated it was wonderful to be there with all the students. She was disappointed she was unable to attend the Fir Ridge graduation and is looking forward to attending both of them next year. Ms. Valderrama shared that she is graduating next week from Portland State University. She will be getting her Executive Masters in Public Administration. She stated she is the first one in her family to receive a graduate degree and she will be speaking at her graduation. Ms. Valderrama extended a welcome to everyone to come and join the celebration.

Ms. Christopher reported that the David Douglas Educational Foundation is in the process of revamping their website. They want to streamline it by making grant applications available for teachers on line as well as scholarship applications and data collection. They are also adding email so they can start sending out an automated newsletter. The plan is to kick it off when school starts. Ms. Christopher reported that the Hansen building is being closed, and on June 26th there will be an open house at the East Portland Neighborhood Office to find out what people would like to see on that site. She will be testifying at City Council next week on the 106th Burnside project that's almost completed. It has 51 units so we will be getting some families in there. Ms. Christopher put her name in on the Joint Office Commission for the county on housing. They are looking for someone with a background in education.

Ms. Larsen reported that the high school marching band was in the Starlight Parade and won the sweepstakes award. She said their actual performance was excellent but they were by far the largest band out there and it was amazing to see. She encouraged everyone to go out and see it next year.

Adjournment – The Board Chair called the meeting adjourned then re-opened the meeting to be taken out into an Executive Session.

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



Christine Larsen, Board Chair



Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk