

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
September 13, 2018**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:00pm in the David Douglas School District Board Room, 1500 SE 130<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97233.

School Board Members present were:

Frieda Christopher, Board Chair

Bryce Anderson	Stephanie D. Stephens
Christine Larsen	Andrea Valderrama
Kyle Riggs	

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; Mary Pearson, 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**

**Student Body President's Report** – Student Council Representative, Milki Mohammed reported they will have a Welcome Back Assembly tomorrow to welcome new teachers, celebrate students who received awards over the summer, reveal the homecoming theme, and recognize fall sports and activities. Homecoming week is October 1-5, which will end with a football game against Reynolds High School. She informed the Board they had a motivational speaker yesterday who talked about kindness and what it means. One of the things they do that fits under kindness is to have *Welcome Back Wednesdays*, where once a month they open the doors for students and cheer them in.

**Visiting Delegations**

- Mt Hood Cable Regulatory Commission Grant Recognition – Julie Omelchuck, Grant Program Director. Mr. Edens shared that Mill Park Elementary and Menlo Park Elementary are recipients of the Mt Hood Regulatory Commission Tech Smart Student for Success Grant. The Grant focuses on math instruction and provides one Chrome Book for every student in grades 3-5, Special Ed, and ESL, interactive white board, Imagine Learning on-line digital curriculum, and a full time Technology Integration Coach. Mr. Edens thanked Ms. Omelchuck and the Commission. Mr. Richardson recognized staff members involved including Principals, Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Wallace, and Mr. Edens who was at the lead. Ms. Omelchuck stated that the Tech Smart initiative has been a great learning experience for all of the school districts in Multnomah County. The goal is to help districts understand how technology can be a tool in teaching and learning in the classroom and to share learning across the districts in Multnomah County. She presented a check for \$1,133,535.

**Attendee's Input** – Craig Rogers, district resident – Mr. Rogers spoke about the area he refers to as the bad actor corner in the Floyd Light area. He decided a year ago he was going to change this area and it hasn't been easy. He stated Mr. Richardson has made

it clear to him that his number one priority is the safety of the students. Today, the bad actor corner is now gone

Heather Franklin, district parent – Ms. Franklin spoke about the impact on students such as her son who are in the ELD program and cannot participate in Band at the middle school level. She gave the following suggestions to address this issue: having a zero period or using SUN programming for music. This may allow students to be able to participate in band once they get to the high school level.

Chris Conklin, district parent – Mr. Conklin reported that 27% of Mill Park children are reading at level and 16% can do their math. He read excerpts from websites that parents use to research for their children, and stated that in 2017 Mill Park ranked last among 10 ranked elementary schools in the David Douglas District.

### **Recognition -**

National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month Proclamation – Ms. Christopher stated that this year's school calendar focuses on diversity and each month recognizes different groups. She said we are committed to equity and we want to recognize how diverse our community has become. Ms. Valderrama presented our District's first Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month Proclamation. She stated we are committed to not only celebrating our district's heritages and cultures, we are also committed to restating our responsibility to racial equity and social justice work. She highlighted the following statistic in the proclamation; the Hispanic student count in our District has increased by 920% over the last 22 years. Ms. Christopher read the English version of the proclamation and Ms. Valderrama read the Spanish version. Mr. Richardson thanked the Board and said he is proud and excited to champion this proclamation. He is excited to do this for many different groups across the entire year, and for the ability for our staff to align curriculum and learning. Ms. Valderrama introduced guest speaker: Santos Herrera, Youth Education & Wellness Manager for Latino Network. Mr. Herrera stated the proclamation is something very special and very essential to our community, and when a child can walk into their school and be celebrated, it leaves a lasting impact that they matter and are cared for.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Mr. Richardson thanked community members and community partners for their patience, flexibility, excitement, and attitude with the start of the school year. He extended the thank you to all of our staff for setting the tone for the students. The feedback he has heard is it's been a smooth start and he's looking forward to a great year. Mr. Richardson gave the following business updates to the Board: The Yaw's building is slated for demolition. The permit has been awarded but there is no slated date at this time. The 2017-18 English Language Learner report is on the webpage. The plan is to spend more time on it at the next Board meeting. ODE will publically release the 2017-18 State Assessment results on September 20th. Enrollment is down and we believe it has to do with housing and displacement. The impact of enrollment going down will be an impact on funding.

**Financial Report** – Ms. Komar reported the auditors were here this week and there is nothing major to report. The General Fund hasn't changed much since the report in July. The Nutrition Services Fund past due debt has risen with the new House Bill 3454.

This is normally \$500 a year, and this past year it was nearly \$70,000. The Grants Fund is up due to donations and grants coming in.

**Consent Agenda** - Ms. Stephens pulled the August Board Minutes with a request to add a link to Ms. Komar's Resolution Authorizing Updated Construction Excise Tax Limits. Mr. Riggs moved approval of the remaining Consent Agenda items, seconded by Ms. Stephens. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

- Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of August Board Workshop Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to be the District Authorized representative to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2018-19 School Year
- Approval of Amendment t Gateway Purchase Sale Agreement
- Approval of Agreement with City of Portland for Floyd Light Garden
- Contract Approvals 2018-19
- Approval of Budget Calendar for 19-20 Budget Year

Mr. Riggs moved approval of the amended August Board Minutes, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

#### **Presentations by Applicants for Board Vacancy – Position 1**

Chair Christopher introduced presentations by applicants for Board Position #1. She stated that each of the 14 applicants will be called up for a five minute presentation and possible questions from the Board. Applicants presented in the following order: Donna Barber, Suad Elmi, Aaron Barrow stated he is withdrawing his application, Timothy Crawley, Gary Dye, Courtney Helstein, Anna Roulty, Karri Holden, Katrina Holland, Cherie-Anne May, Elizabeth Petersen, and Dennis Secrest. Rhiannon Martin and Ross Nadel withdrew their application.

Some of the questions raised by the Board were: What is your definition of racial equity? What lived experiences do you bring to the work of advancing racial equity in public education? Share best practices you found most impactful around student achievement, success, and growth. If you had to keep one promise between school funding and PERS retirees, what would it be? When you consider federal and state mandates on schools, what would you try to change as a Board member?

Following presentations, Chair Christopher thanked everyone for applying and encourage them to get involved. She stated Mr. Richardson is working on getting his Family Engagement group together, and the Equity Committee is looking for new members. Mr. Richardson also thanked everyone on behalf of the staff, administrators and employees for their interest, involvement, and for what they do in supporting David Douglas.

**Enrollment Update** – Ms. Wallace reported that our enrollment is down. Elementary is down by 213 students, middle school is down by 41, and high school is down by 148. All the elementary schools are down with Cherry Park having the most declining enrollment. For our middle schools; Alice Ott is up by 41 students, Floyd Light is down by 81, and Ron Russell is up by 1. She gave a breakdown by class size. We have some hot spots with either lower enrollment or higher enrollment. Mill Park, Ventura Park, and West

Powellhurst have large class sizes at the kindergarten level. Some things we're trying to do to help this situation is looking at possibly busing students to other elementary schools. We will be asking parents for volunteers. Ms. Wallace reported that research is being done on where the students are going and found out the number one place is Vancouver and number two is Gresham. Mr. Richardson reported that the reality is the enrollment will continue to go down because students who don't show up after 10 days will be withdrawn.

**Inter-District Transfer Recap** - Ms. Wallace reported on the Inter-District Transfer Recap. She gave a reminder that by law the Board determines in the spring the amount of students we accept and release, and the process opens in mid-April and closes on August 1st. The August 2nd report shows all 16 students who applied in were approved. She informed the Board that we took in 135 students for Open Enrollment who have now become resident students in our District. Our lottery was activated for students who applied out and we released 50 students, giving priority to continuing students and their siblings. The September 7th report shows the numbers have increased to 49 students accepted in and 75 students released out due to hardship reasons. There is a provision in the law for hardship cases such as; death of a parent, access to safe and affordable childcare, homelessness, medical conditions, and military deployment. Ms. Wallace said we continue to get these type of cases all year long and she makes personal contact with the parents and follows the law.

**Second Reading: Board Policy** – Ms. Stephens moved approval of Board Policy DN - Disposal of District Property, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

#### **Other Business/Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Anderson presented a Proclamation recognizing Constitution and Citizenship Day on September 17th and he read it to the Board.

Ms. Komar presented a Purchasing Approval for Imagine Learning 2018-2019. Ms. Larsen moved approval, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Christopher reported that she completed the four workshops on Equity at MESD. One of the things that stood out to her was definitions. People have difficulty defining equity and discrimination. MESD took the definitions and approved them as being the definitions they would use when the discussion is made. MESD is going out for a grant to further these workshops and work with bringing east county schools together. Mr. Richardson said we have received the grant for the partnership with MESD for Board and administrative training.

Mr. Riggs stated he is behind both proclamations that occurred this evening and he is looking forward to future proclamations. He requested a description of our process for proclamations and for Board leadership to get together to discuss that concept. Ms. Valderrama stated she wants to make sure we are as transparent as possible and will do a better job of making it clear. Ms. Stephens commented that the language of the proclamation looked like a resolution.

**Board Member Reports**

Ms. Valderrama shared she would like to do one other proclamation outside the heritage months recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day, which will occur on October 8th. This will be recognized in the September 27th meeting and she will commit to getting everyone a draft. This is something a lot of other jurisdictions do nationally and statewide. She asked if anyone else would like to help her with the draft or outreach.

Mr. Riggs shared that he had the opportunity to go to the Back to School Night at Earl Boyles. He said it was incredible and he is very excited with the opportunities that are being presented to the District through family engagement. He strongly suggests that we are trying to mirror some of Parents United's learnings. They have done a lot of amazing things and have caused a dynamic and amazing staff and building. It was a fantastic evening.

Ms. Christopher shared she attended Open House at Gilbert Heights and the Back to School Staff Picnic. She reported the David Douglas Educational Foundation kicked off its brand new website at [www.ddeforkids.org](http://www.ddeforkids.org). She requested everyone take a look because it's been updated and has a lot of information on it.

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



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Frieda Christopher, Board Chair



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Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk