

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
July 9, 2020**

A virtual meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00pm.

School Board Members present via virtual meeting: Andrea Valderrama, Board Chair; Stephanie D. Stephens, Vice Chair; Aaron Barrow, Frieda Christopher, and Christine Larsen.

Also present via virtual meeting: 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, and Laurie Brunelle, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Native American Land Acknowledgement

Election of Board Leadership for 2020-21 - Ms. Larsen nominated Ms. Valderrama for Board Chair, seconded by Mr. Barrow. Ms. Christopher closed the nominations, seconded by Ms. Stephens. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0. Ms. Stephens nominated Ms. Muranovic for Board Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and the Board approved Ms. Muranovic in a vote of 6-0.

Public Comment - No public comment.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Stephens moved approval of the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Ms. Muranovic. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

- Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Purchasing and Contract Approvals

Resolution to Set Meal Prices for the 2020-2021 School Year – Ms. Stephens moved approval of the Resolution to Set Meal Prices, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

Reduce Graduation Requirements from 25 to 24 Credits for Grades 10-12 in Response to COVID Pandemic

- Mr. Richardson reported: the State requires 24 credits to graduate and our District requires 25 credits.
- Due to COVID-19 all graduation requirements for 2020 defaulted to 24 credits.
- The District proposes to keep the 24 credits for next year's sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- Ms. Larsen requested to extend this option to incoming freshman. Mr. Richardson will get feedback from the high school on this request.

Ms. Christopher moved approval of reducing the graduation requirements from 25 to 24 credits for grades 10-12, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

Budget & Bond Update and Investment Report – Ms. Komar reported on the following.

- We are working on our Long Range Facility Plan. A tour of the facilities will take place in the next month depending on restrictions from the County.
- Carol Samuels did a Bond Analysis for a \$60 million Bond and \$100 million Bond. We are working on narrowing the deferred maintenance and items to go on a Bond list.
- We have contracted with PSU to update the enrollment study. Final report will be ready in October.
- We need to make decisions next month on the OSCIM Grant. Application due in September.
- Summary from ODE: ranking of districts and maximum grants amounts. Under the OSCIM Grant we would be eligible for the maximum amount of \$8 million.
- Summary of donations through April 2020.
- Budget update
 - The \$9 billion from the State School Fund is fairly secure but the Legislature can still make changes.
 - Estimates of up to a 20% drop in enrollment due to parents not wanting to send their students to school. This could equate to a decline of \$17 million in revenue.
 - Early childhood will receive full funding on their contract and will receive full SSA funding.

- Modifications are being done on the CARES Act and ESSER Act. Additional guidance and costs due to pandemic.
- Preliminary budget, which includes MECP. This may change as we are still collecting information on the amount to be allocated to private schools.
- Investment Report: decrease in the District's total cash and investment balances due to costs of operation.
- Local Government Investment Pool: interest rate continues to go down.

The Board was allowed time to ask questions, provide comments, and express their concerns.

Superintendent's Report – (COVID / Reopen Update) – Mr. Richardson reported on a reopen plan and next steps.

- ODE released its Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance that outlines District's requirements prior to reopening.
- Eight specific areas: public health protocols, facility and school operations, response to outbreak, equity, instruction, family and community engagement, mental, social, and emotional health, and staffing and personnel.
- Priorities and/or principles: we are making sure we develop schedules and plans that ensure safety and wellness, cultivate connections and relationships, and that center around equity.
- We are looking at the Hybrid format and will turn in our Operational Blueprint on August 14th.
- High school:
 - Students would attend every other day with grades 12 and 9 attending on one day and grades 10 and 11 attend the next day. This would be a reduced schedule
 - Each week all students would attend 2 days a week and do Distance Learning 3 days a week.
- Middle school and Fir Ridge:
 - Looking at the same format as high school.
 - Half the students come one day and half come the next day.
- Elementary school:
 - The priority is to get as many kids in school everyday.
 - Grades K-3: attend everyday for 4 days a week on a reduced schedule. 5th day would be for Distance Learning.
 - Grades 4-5: attend every other day on a reduced schedule. Friday would be for Distance Learning.
- Transportation:
 - How do we ensure safety on the busses?
- Staffing
 - We have staff who are dealing with this crisis and are impacted by the pandemic.
 - We will have staff that cannot report to work. Trying to establish a count.
- We were notified that PACE insurance does not cover communicable disease issues or cases.
- Next Steps:
 - Polish up the plan and start sharing it with the community to get feedback.

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Superintendent's Evaluation 19-20 - Ms. Valderrama provided a description of the Superintendent evaluation process, which includes Mr. Richardson's three main goal areas: managerial, instructional, and political.

- Mr. Richardson met expectations of the Board in all three areas.
- Board members expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Superintendent and his Cabinet.
- This is the last year of the three-year goals and we are looking at flushing out a little more of the strategies and outcomes to better align the data with the evaluation.
- We are also looking into a more efficient way of gathering the Board's comments to include in the evaluation.
- Suggestion of a potential committee to flush out content areas of the evaluation.
- Mr. Richardson thanked the Board for all their thoughtful comments, feedback, input, support, and confidence. He looks forward to developing the next three-year goals.

Board Policy – First Reading - Suggested language changes for both policies: Remove the second "immediately" in brackets and replace with "as soon as they are able" and replace "victim" with "survivor". Ms. Stephens moved approval of Policy GNB/JBA and JBA/GBN with the language changes, seconded by Mr. Barrow. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

Current Policy

- Policy GBN/JBA (personnel) - Sexual Harassment – recommend delete
- Policy JBA/GBN (students) – Sexual Harassment – recommend delete

New Policy

- Policy GBN/JBA (personnel) – Sexual Harassment
- Policy JBA/GBN (students) – Sexual Harassment

Ms. Stephens moved approval of Policy JHH, seconded by Mr. Barrow. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

- Policy JHH (students) – Student Suicide Prevention

Other Business

- Approval of Amendment #5 to State of Oregon IGA #11115 / DDS Contract #1718069

Ms. Stephens moved approval of Amendment #5, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion approved in a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Christopher provided the following information: The City Wide Budget Committee met on Wednesday, July 8th and the focus was on police bureau changes.

- The SRO funding that's being eliminated will not be going to schools. It may be going to the organizations that work with the African-American communities but this has not been decided yet.
- The Gun Violence group was eliminated.
- 84 officers in these programs have been eliminated and there are 60 unfilled positions. 30 to 40 retirements are expected this fall and the balance of those officers would fill in those positions.



Andrea Valderrama, Board Chair



Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk