

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
June 16, 2022**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00pm in the David Douglas School District Board Room, 1500 SE 130th Ave, Portland, OR 97233

School Board members present via virtual meeting were: Stephanie D. Stephens, Board Chair; Donna Barber, Vice Chair; Aaron Barrow, Frieda Christopher, Heather Franklin, Hoa Nguyen, and Gabriela Saldana-Lopez.

Also present were: Ken Richardson, Superintendent/Clerk; Candy Wallace, Assistant Superintendent; Patt Komar, Director of Administrative Services; Kelly Devlin, Director of Multilingual Programs & Equity; Derek Brown, Director of Assessment & Technology, Brooke O'Neill, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Mary Pearson, Director of Student Services; Andy Long, Director of PK-12 Education; Taye Spears, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Laurie Brunelle, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Native American Land Acknowledgement

In recognition of National Teachers Month: the Board read a community poem titled, Who Will Clean out the Desks, dedicated to all teachers and especially to two fourth grade teachers who lost their lives in Uvalde, Texas.

Public Comment – Full comments are located in the David Douglas School District Board meeting archives.

Craig Rogers, district resident

- Request to know the plan in regards to Police and School Resource Officers.

Hao Liao, district student

- Request to pressure city leaders and School Board members to bring back School Resource Officers.

Dora Hussein, district student

- Introduced herself as the ASB President for 22-23 school year.

Matthew Cunningham, district parent

- Encourages the District to have School Resource Officers for the safety of our children.

Public Hearing - A recess was called in order for Ms. Komar to conduct a public hearing on Adopting the 2022-23 Budget. There was no public comment as no members of the public appeared.

Resolution Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Ms. Christopher moved approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Barrow. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.

Invited Public Input - DDSD Grow Your Own (GYO) Graduates – Ms. Spears and Mr. Long presented on the Grow your Own Program and provided the following information.

- Commitment IV - Workplace Policies: Targeted Racial Equity Focus Areas:
 - Recruit, employ, support, retain, and continuously develop a workforce that is racially diverse and culturally responsive in all employee groups (administrative, certified, and classified personnel).
- Freedom Dream #3: Grow your Own program for students of color to become employees in our District with financial support to pay for tuition.
- We have 10 GYO Graduates: 3 community and 7 BIPOC.
- Grow Your Own Administrative Program: 2 years in the making.
 - 25 graduates: 6 of them are BIPOC.
 - 18 have received a new position/assignment for 21-22 or 22-23.
- Current partners: PCC and Warner Pacific.
- DDHS GYO Pathway: we've created a pathway for our high school students.
 - We've invited five BIPOC students to participate in our Summer School. After completion, we can hire them in Instructional Assistant positions in the fall.
- The following GYO graduates were able to speak about their experience within the program: Kaity Wu, Mikhelle Kim, and Donna Yarbrough. Full comments are located in the David Douglas School District Board meeting archives.

Proclamations

- Pride Month Proclamation – This was collectively read as a Board.
- Juneteenth Proclamation – This was collectively read as a Board.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Saldana-Lopez moved approval of the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Ms. Christopher. Ms. Nguyen pulled Policy BDDH for further discussion. Mr. Barrow moved approval of the remaining Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Ms. Nguyen. The motion was approved in a vote of 7-0.

- Approval of May Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May Board Workshop Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Contract and Purchasing Approvals
- Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to be the District Authorized Representative to Apply For Federal Funds for the 2022-2023 School Year
- Resolution to Increase Meal Prices for the 2022-2023 School Year
- Resolution Authorizing Updated Construction Excise Tax Limits
- Resolution Setting Tuition for the School Year 2022/23
- Resolution to Select a Property and Casualty Insurance Carrier for the 2022/2023 School Year
- Resolution to Select a Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier for the 2022/2023 School Year
- Resolution to Select Student Accident Insurance Carrier for K-12 Students for the 2022/2023 School Year
- Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 4 to the 2021-22 Budget for School District No. 40, Multnomah County, Oregon

Approval of APEX Curriculum Renewal for DDOA – Ms. O'Neill, Carrie Foster, Online Integration Coordinator, Shawna Myers, current Online Academy Counselor and soon to be new Principal, Linda Vancil, current Principal of Online Academy and APEX Representatives, Mark Thompson, Partnership Manager, and Elaine Crawley, Success Manager provided a presentation for the APEX Curriculum Renewal. The following information was provided.

- APEX is the Digital Curriculum being used in our Online Academy: comprehensive digital program.
 - Request for a three year renewal for APEX Core Curriculum in grades 6-12.
- State level online learning: ODE is currently working on developing a framework for online and remote learning for multi-subject digital curriculum.
 - Working with MESD to review subject areas using ODE's current instructional materials evaluation tools.
- Comprehensive digital curriculum is designed as a cohesive curriculum that includes all core subject areas and APEX includes electives.
- It is housed within a single system and has the capability of being self-paced with rigorous content.
- Instructional supports are embedded and has the ability to personalize the learning to students.
- Features of APEX: high expectations, personalized, relevant and engaging, rigorous and accessible, equity of opportunity, and achievement.
- David Douglas content experts have customized ensuring students meet the standards and expectations.
- APEX has been Digital Curriculum provider since 1997: over 3.5 million enrollments during the 21-22 school year.
- APEX partners with national and international leaders who vet the curriculum and alignment to national and Oregon State standards.
- Content is diverse and inclusive by design and embedded with additional supports.
- The Board was able to ask questions and provide comments/feedback.
- Action item: 3 Year renewal of APEX Curriculum for 2022-2025 for \$261,942.

Ms. Franklin moved approval of the APEX Curriculum renewal, seconded by Ms. Saldana-Lopez. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.

Bond Update – Ms. Komar provided an update.

- We decided we need to go back out and look at costing: original list of \$152 million has grown to \$195 million.
- Piper Sandler looked at Levy rates: updated numbers were sent out today.
- The Bond Development Committee met on June 14th and are still supportive of going out for a Bond.
 - We will be going out to do some surveying for our preparation for November.
 - We will be monitoring the levy rates and construction costs.
- Reminder: submit the OSCIM Grant by July 15th and complete new resolution calling for a ballot title.
- Bond Development Committee members, Ms. Stephens and Ms. Christopher reported:
 - If something needs to be taken off the list it will be the elementary school build.
 - They would like to see the Career and Technical Education Center built in addition to safety upgrades.
 - They are looking at adding in additional funds to renovate North Powellhurst to make it a Preschool Center since some schools that do not have the space to expand Preschool.

Board Policy – First Reading – The following policies were reviewed as a first reading.

- Policy DH (fiscal management) - Loss Coverage
- Policy EEAB (support services) – School Bus Scheduling and Routing - **delete**
- Policy GBL (personnel) – Personnel Records
- Policy GBLA (personnel) – Disclosure of information - **delete**
- Policy IGFB (instruction) – Talented and Gifted Program

Board Policy – Second Reading – Mr. Barrow moved approval of the following policies, seconded by Ms. Nguyen. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.

- Policy IIA (instruction) – Instructional Materials Used in the Schools
- Policy JECB (students) – Admission of Nonresident Students
- Policy IKFB (instruction) – Graduation Exercises

Policy BDDH (board governance) – Public Comment at Board Meetings – Ms. Franklin moved approval of Policy BDDH, seconded by Mr. Barrow. The Board discussed making a decision on bracketed language in the policy.

- A decision was made to include “comment on a topic not on the published agenda” and remove “may comment only on agenda items”. Mr. Barrow moved approval of the amended policy, seconded by Ms. Barber. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.

Reflections on Public Comment - Board members had a chance to give comment/feedback on what they heard during public comment. Full comments/feedback are located in the David Douglas School District Board meeting archives.

- School Resource Officers (SRO):
 - This is a City paid position not a District paid position. A Resolution was passed two years ago regarding no contract with the City.
 - Would like to hear about safety: the issues the high school is facing with not being able to contract with the Police Department. It's time to re-discuss it as the environment has changed.
 - Request of data: comparison of incidents/responses with SRO's and currently without them.
 - Even with incidents, this is not a School Board program.
 - The issues of safety and SRO's are separate things.
 - The Resolution required no contract with Police Department: how did this affect us?
 - PS3 unarmed police: how to work with the city and make sure kids are safe.
 - We need to ensure we are hearing from administrators, students and our BIPOC community.
 - There are other alternatives we could look at that don't involve city police to be present in schools.
 - The District did not move money from SRO's to Restorative Practices.
 - Safety: holistic approach that different systems can support.
 - 911 is expanding their program and looking to partner with school districts.
 - In-house supports for crisis management: we need a flight team for behaviors in school.
- Inaccuracies in public comments: formalizing our response and giving out accurate information.
- Looking at a presentation/report from the high school in August.
- MESD Liaison: If something comes up, we have a staff member who can call the Liaison for a recommendation.
 - Administrative staff are directed: for safety issue or concern, they can call 911 and/or non-emergency.
 - Request of reports on incidents related to the MESD Liaison.
 - Request for information on the new Portland Police positions such as PS3's.

Board Liaison and Committee Reports

Mr. Barrow reported on his OSBA Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) membership.

- He reached out to Riverview and Corbett to attend one of their Board meetings to explain what the LPC does.
- Survey sent to Multnomah County Board members to determine what sort of legislation to advocate for next year.
- Clarification: The \$500 he spoke about at the May meeting is only for OSBA Board members.

Ms. Christopher reported there are two housing developments south of Division and one is already in progress.

- Over 400 units opening up within 1 1/2 years. Impact on our schools due to a significant amount of family units.

Ms. Franklin reported on her School Liaison position. She visited both Gilbert Park and Lincoln Park.

- Gilbert Park - visited with the Equity Team: they have accomplished the Bias Training.
 - For Pride Month: students made their own flags and had marches during lunch.
- Lincoln Park - met the new Principal.
- There were staff shortages at both schools during her visits.

Financial Report – Ms. Komar reported on the following.

- General Fund: ticking up due to items not being delivered by the June 30th deadline.
 - Delivery on small buses in the fall.
 - Large buses are in the lot at the manufacturer but there is no one to drive here to prep them.
- Deardorff property demolition of buildings: working with the city and expecting demo later in the summer.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Richardson reported on the following.

- End of the school year: activities through out the District.
 - Thanked and recognized the entire staff: It's been an amazing and difficult year with a tremendous amount of success and celebrations.
 - Attended graduation ceremonies.
 - David Douglas High School - 530 graduates.
 - Fir Ridge - 58 graduates.
 - David Douglas Online Academy – 40 graduates.
 - Approximate retirements: 20 employees and approximate resignations: 30 employees.
- Enrollment: we are down approximately 9% - 815 students.
- Safety: on going discussions/challenges.
- Safe Rest Village: a presentation is being scheduled for the July Board meeting.
- COVID: weekly responses.
 - Adults: last week 31 and this week 25.
 - Students: last week 26 and this week 16.
- District calendar start of school: different flex and transition dates per grade level.
- Ms. O'Neill gave the Board an update on the recent curriculum adoption. She provided the following information.
 - Technical work is being done which includes the contracts and the ordering process.
 - Professional learning at the elementary level.
 - Two-hour virtual session, which is a basic introduction to essential components of the curriculum.
 - Offering summer exploration: access to live sessions. inter-active media, and videos
 - Back to school week: full day of training for teachers.
 - Late start Wednesdays: specific areas of focus - small group instructions and assessments.
 - Providing support for Instructional Coaches and Student Achievement Specialists.
 - Collaborating with MESD: working with other districts on implementation and supports needed.
 - Professional learning at the middle school level.
 - Novel selection: seeking teacher input and voice on ordering.
 - Summer opportunities, back to school week training, and late start Wednesdays.
 - Professional learning at the high school level.
 - Working on ordering and book selection. They each receive a classroom library.
 - Optional session for teachers who want to opt in on June 21st.
 - Back to school week training and on going professional learning on late start Wednesdays.
 - Working with teachers to get input on what they need in moving forward.
 - In addition: Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling training (LETRS).
 - Two-year comprehensive training: two cohorts will go through this training.
- Tonight is Ms. Pearson's last Board meeting. Mr. Richardson thanked her for her service and the impact of supporting our teachers, staff, students, and families. He also wished her good luck on her new position.

Other Business - Additional Contract Approvals

Ms. Komar amended the Contract Approval for Schetky for an additional 2 buses not to exceed \$360,000. Ms. Franklin moved approval of the amended Contract, seconded by Ms. Saldana-Lopez. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.



Stephanie D. Stephens, Board Chair



Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk