Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
November 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:00pm in the David Douglas School District Boardroom, 1500 SE 130th Ave, Portland, OR 97233.

School Board members present were: Heather Franklin, Board Chair; José Gamero-Georgeson, Board Vice Chair, Althea Ender, Sara Epstein, Muriel Jordan, Stephanie D. Stephens, and Thomas Stephenson.

Also present were: Ken Richardson, Superintendent/Clerk; Andy Long, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Patt Komar, Director of Administrative Services; Brooke O'Neill, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Florence Protopapas, Director of Student Services; Aide Juarez Valerio, Director of Communications, Family Engagement & Strategic Partnerships, and Laurie Brunelle, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Native American Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment - Full comments are located in the David Douglas Board meeting archives.

- Kylla Starr, district student: requested to add a Native Studies course at the high school.
- Eli Cox, Street Soccer USA: hopes the Board will consider the new soccer field because it's a community builder.
- Kate Sherman, district parent: reported multiple serious fumbles by District Leadership that took place on October 15th and praised Menlo Park, Ron Russell and West Powellhurst for their preparedness with federal agents.
- Frieda Christopher, district resident: supports Prosper Portland's soccer field proposal as it aligns with the district and when the district is ready to build on the site it will have minimal impact on the construction.
- Rob Gray, Street Soccer USA: supports the soccer field and says it's hard to find fields in the city of Portland.
- Carlos Ku, Street Soccer USA: soccer has kept him off the streets and a field is a way of bringing community in.
- Jamal Yasin, district student: Unity Futbol would help kids get off the street, learn, and have a safe environment.
- Elizabeth DeJesus, Unity Futbol parent: needs a field that's lighted and keeps kids happy and out of trouble.
- Alex DeJesus, Unity Futbol student: is able to connect with people of different ethnicities and a lighted field would allow more play.

DDEA Comment - Full comments are located in the David Douglas Board meeting archives.
Alice Eberharter, President: with everything going on around us, she's prioritizing listening to the needs of our community.

- Request to keep connecting by talking to your neighbors and making relationships.
- Attended an Administrator training on how the district responds to ICE: approach, feedback and refinement.

OSEA Chapter 40 Comment - Full comments are located in the David Douglas Board meeting archives.
Darla Black, President recognized Employees of the Month Don Sic, Custodian and Meredith Adams, School Secretary.

- Referenced her submitted letter: emphasized the need is still present for our classified employees who are continuing to support students with trauma and high needs

Native American Heritage Month – David Douglas High School: Katie Manwell, Equity Co-Chair, ISU Co-Advisor and Travis Miller, Student, ISU Student Rep provided the following information.

- Ms. Manwell shared a slide deck which included a Land Acknowledgement, what is Native American Heritage Month, a quote from Chief White Eagle, and photos of a 2025 DDSD Powwow.
- Travis Miller shared: there is a disservice to Native students in the district.
    - He would like people around him to learn about his ancestors: bring understanding to the Native Students.
    - Request the District to help get Native teachers, counselors, and advocates to help learn more about their Native Culture.

Native American Heritage Month Proclamation - The Board shared in the reading of the Proclamation.

Prosper Portland Proposal Presentation - Joel Devalcourt, Prosper Portland Project Manager, Wondi Ali, Unity Futbol**,** Saul Meneses Zurita, Street Soccer USA provided the following information on the soccer field proposal.

- Infrastructure timeline and background was shared: beginning in 2000 through 2025.
- Gateway Master Street Plan: David Douglas School District and Prosper Portland site map was shared.
- Funding: Prosper Portland $3.5 million, PBOT $2 million, and developer contributes remaining funds.
- Proposal: Street Soccer USA: operator, Unity Futbol: partner operator, and Prosper Portland: funder.
    - Street Soccer has a successful track record of entering into 10-year lease agreements.

    - Prosper Portland: financial investment enables the construction with no additional funds from DDSD.
    - Design alternatives: four options were shared with option three being the preferred one.
- Street Soccer USA is a national non-profit: provided more than 75,000 marginalized youth with access to soccer.
    - Hosts a variety of programs: community clubs, parks & programs, and wraparound supports.
- Untiy Futbol Training supports immigrants, refugees, and low-income youth. over 150 children served.

Data Report – Ms. O'Neill provided State Assessment Results for 2024-25. The following information was shared.

- Summative Assessment: key component of State Accountability System.
    - Required in grades 3-8 and 11: English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science (grades 5, 8, 11 only).
- Assessment participation overview and accountability impact was shared.
    - Charts were shared: participation across grade levels, by schools, and student groups.
- ELA Achievement - grade level performance: assessed in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
    - Charts were shared: percentage of students who passed, by schools, and student groups.
- Summative for Math: concepts and procedures, problem solving, and communicating reasoning.
    - Achievement by level, schools, and student groups.
- Summative for Science: disciplinary core ideas, science & engineering practices, crosscutting concepts.
    - Charts were shared: achievement by grade, level, and student groups.
- An explanation of how OSAS connects to Targeted School Improvement (TSI) was shared.
    - A list was shared of: schools identified for targeted supports, no long identified, and never identified.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Stephens moved approval of the following Consent Agenda items, seconded by Mr. Gamero Georgeson. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.

- Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of October Board Workshop Minutes
- Contract and Purchasing Approvals
- Approval of Lease with Parkrose School District for MECP Program

Strategic Plan Follow-Up – Ms. Valerio Juarez provided the following information.

- Phase I: Reviewing Integrated Plan, Strategic Plan and Equity Plan: consolidate and update proposed plan.
    - Reviewing feedback from the Board and finalize an updated version for review in January 2026.
- Phase II: Community Engagement February 2026 to May 2026: families, students, staff, and community partners.
- Phase III: Pre-Launch: collect input, update, finalize the design, and share with Board and district administrators.
- Phase IV: Launch 26-27: marketing materials public announcement, web page, ParentSquare, and social media.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Richardson provided the following information.

- High needs behavior is continuing: we've allocated more staff but it's not enough.
    - We're being strategic and listening to our building administrators and partnering with union leadership.
- ICE activity in our community has ramped up: we're doing everything we can and taking reports as we can.
    - Thanked community, staff, and administrators for being responsive.
    - Recognized Portland Immigration Rights Coalition (PIRC): no negative interactions in that support.
    - Many people are trying to help but sometimes it comes with inaccuracies.
    - We're updating training, partnering with community organizations, and working with union leadership.
- State Budget is predicting a deficit: Legislative Fiscal Office asked all state departments to do 5% reductions.
    - Would impact school districts: November 19th Revenue Forecast will be an indicator of where that goes.
    - Will advocate for the Educational Stability Fund if needed.
- OPB came out with a one-hour video around 2025.
- Legally Blonde Musical: will attend on Friday November 14.

Financial and Investment Report – Ms. Komar provided the following information.

- Audit: the federal government did not finish the compliance supplement so auditors nationwide cannot finish their single audit around federal funds.
    - Two audits required: financial audit and supplement on your single audit.
- General Fund: ending fund balance is $14.3 million.
    - We are seeing an uptick on outside placements.
- Nutrition Services Fund: doing several different equipment replacements.
    - Doing an investigation on the main freezer at South Powellhurst due to heating and cracking in the floor.
- Grants Fund: ending fund balance has remained the same but revenue and expenditures have increased.
    - Received an increase for the Preschool for All grants.

- Construction Excise Tax: we may supplement some HVAC projects.
- Investment Report: interest rates are ticking down to 4.6%.

OSBA Elections

- Ms. Ender nominated Brenda Rivas for OSBA Board of Director Position #18, seconded by Mr. Gamero-Georgeson. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.
- Ms. Stephens nominated Heather Coleman for position #17, Althea Ender for position #18, and Christy Splitt for position #19, seconded by Ms. Jordan. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.

Board Policy Discussion – Full discussion is located in the David Douglas Board meeting archives.

- Board members discussed Policy BHD (board governance) – Board Member Stipends and Reimbursement.
- Discussion items: would lower the barriers to people considering Board service.
    - The Board can choose the amount up to $500 a month.
    - OSBA has recommendations on how to do this properly: provisions for Board members to say no.
    - Appreciates the fact that this is not a role that comes with a stipend.

Board Policy – Second Read – Ms. Stephens moved approval of the following policies, seconded by Ms. Ender. The motion approved in a vote of 7-0.

- Policy DBEA (fiscal management) Budget Committee
- Policy GCBD/GDBD (personnel) – Leaves of Absences
- Policy IGBHD (instruction) – Program Exemptions
- Policy IIA (instruction) – Instructional Materials
- Policy JOA (students) – Directory Information
- Policy LBEA (community relations) – Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Student Enrollment

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

- Surprised there was not Native American courses: expand out to have Indigenous studies.
    - This might be something that families could help with: meaningful, especially for kids who aren't Native.
    - Trauma lesson: we should take a look at the lessons and where is the history of the culture itself.
    - Get families involved in a lesson around the flags and partnership with Portland State on Native Studies.
- October 15th failure of leadership: may have been frustration that the district was not counter protesting.
    - Social media conversation of people coming into the building and no calculated response to this threat.
- Thanked everyone for the work done around ICE activities: appreciates the staff's constant learning and updating.
    - Request one email that goes out to everyone to stop the misinformation right when it happens.
- Excited to hear about the Street Soccer: would like to know if other district properties can be used.

Board Liaison and Committee Reports - Full comments are located in the David Douglas Board meeting archives.

- Mr. Stephenson attended Try it Tuesday at Cherry Park and visited Ventura Park, both were wonderful.
- Mr. Gamero-Georgeson attended the OSBA Convention: learned from ODE staff that the SEED Survey is developing graphics that look like the YouthTruth survey.
- Ms. Jordan visited DDOA where enrollment is up: some students are due to ICE.
    - Attended the OSBA Convention: State School Fund Basics and Accountability Implementations & Feedback for ODE.
    - Visited Ms. Byfield and learned the Child Development Center is moving to the high school.
    - West Powellhurst: had a discussion around disruptive behavior
- Ms. Ender visited the District Office, met with Student Services, and attended the OSBA Convention.
    - OSBA: highlighted a presentation on tribal history and how to incorporate it into curriculum.
    - OSBA: had movement on an Advisory Committee: will now be LGBTQIA2+ Advisory Committee.
- Ms. Stephens gave a shout out to Mr. Gamero-Georgeson for throwing his hat in for Hoa Nguyen's District 47 position. By the vote of the people he won, but County Commissioners chose the 3rd place candidate for the role.

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Heather Franklin, Board Chair

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Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk