Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
November 17, 2025

A Board Workshop of the David Douglas School Board was held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:00pm in the David Douglas School District Office 11300 SE Halsey St, Portland, OR 97220.

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

Overview of ODE Budget Scenarios – Presentation – Ms. Komar presented the following information.

- September Economic Forecast showed a deficit.
    - All state agencies were notified to prepare a reduction proposal.
    - 2.5%-5% increments for all fund types, except State School Fund (SSF) which was in 0.5% increments.
- ODE developed their proposals based on the following four areas: reduction amounts were shared.
    - General Fund, Other Funds, CAT Funded Programs, and SSF.
- Reduction proposal highlights.
    - Programs proposed as full reductions for year 2 of the biennium if 2.5% or 5% in cuts is needed.
    - A comprehensive list of programs is on the ODE website.

State of the District – Ms. Komar provided the following information.

General Fund Overview

- Taxes: a chart was shared of our assessed value, percentage growth, tax rate, tax assessment, and change from prior year from 2015-2026.
    - A large increase for 2024-25 due to the Lents URA coming back into our tax base.
    - Tax assessment: does not include discounts or delinquencies.
- Enrollment: we are trending down.
    - Total enrollment as of November 7th: 8,421.
    - ADMw: 11,146.79.
    - Poverty ADMw: 443.51: this will be adjusted when the federal data is released in December.
- Reductions from the State: it's unclear whether there will or will not be reductions to the State School Fund.
    - ODE has proposed many reductions, including to SSF and the carveouts.
    - What would reductions mean for DDSD: we're assuming this will not be taken out in the current year.
        - A $56 million reduction to SSF would be about $900K.
        - A $570 million reduction to SSF would be about $9 million.
- Spend Down of Ending Fund Balance.
    - A chart was shared of our ending fund balance over time from 2019-20 to 2025-26 projected.
    - Expenditure concerns: our PERS bond is ending.
        - This year we received a temporary credit to our PERS rates: 1.68% for the biennium.
        - Rates will increase in 27-29 biennium: we will receive new estimates on rates in December.
    - Summary of side account rate credit and POB Savings: a chart was shared.
        - Our final bond payment is in 2028.
    - Paid Leave Oregon: we are still experiencing high usage and the more we use the high our rates go.
    - Unemployment: we anticipate our reductions will increase our rates.
    - Average teacher cost is $120K and for an average instructional assistant is $43K.
        - A chart was shared of the cost of a day by fund type.

- Bargaining impacts: three group's agreements are ending at the end of this fiscal year.
  - Classified agreement extends financials through 2026-27.
- General fund initial projection: a chart was shared for 26-27.
  - Beginning balance, revenues, expenditures, salary/benefit increases, contingency, and ending fund balance: this projection is based on no State School Fund reductions.

Grants Overview – Ms. Komar provided the following information.
Grant Funds.

- In the following State Grants, the budget amounts were shared for the 24-25 budget, 25-26 adopted budget, 25-26 revised budget, and the anticipated budget for 26-27.
  - Student Investment Account (SIA): we anticipate reductions of up to $200K to balance for 26-27.
  - Measure 98: there are several reductions in ODE's proposals for CTE programs.
  - Grow Your Own Programs: this program is slated to be eliminated for 26-27.
  - Early Literacy Grant: no anticipated reductions.
- In the following Federal Grants, the grant amounts were shared for 23-24 to 26-27 (anticipated).
  - Title I: we are concerned at the federal level:
    - They want to change how this is allocated.
    - Discussion of other Title programs going away.
  - Title II: we won't have an issue with this one unless the federal allocation is reduced or eliminated.
    - This has been a discussion for the chopping block at the federal level.
    - A lot of this is Professional Development related.
  - Title III: this one has been discussed for elimination.
    - Anticipate a $32K reduction to the program budget if they fund it.
    - We fund our Liaison's and TOSA's with this fund.
  - Title IV: unclear on whether it's going to be continued under the federal program.
  - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): this is still a preliminary allocation.
    - Our Special Ed child count will come in December: used for funding.
    - Currently projecting a deficit for this year of $80K.
    - It's unclear if this program will be funded at the federal level.

Heather Franklin

Heather Franklin, Board Chair

Ken Richardson

Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk