Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
February 27, 2020

A Board Workshop of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:30pm in the David Douglas School District Board Room, 1500 SE 130th Ave, Portland, OR 97233.

School Board Members present were: Andrea Valderrama, Board Chair; Stephanie D. Stephens, Vice Chair; Aaron Barrow, Donna Barber, Frieda Christopher, Christine Larsen, and Sahar Muranovic.

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, and Laurie Brunelle, Board Secretary.

Board Workshop Topic: The purpose of this workshop is to present the Student Investment Account Plan to the School Board for review and Board Action.

SSA/SIA Background – Mr. Richardson, Ms. Wallace, Ms. Devlin, Ms. O'Neill, Ms. Pearson, and Mr. Edens provided the following SSA and SIA Background information. The $2 billion dollar biennium investment was created by Senate Bill 3427 and 5047.

- The allocation is $1 billion to investment in education each year. SSA has the following three parts: Student Investment Account – receives 50%, Statewide Education Initiative Account – receives 30%, and Early Learning Account – receives 20%.
- The SIA is close to $500 million in non-competitive grants for all Oregon school districts to receive.
- The purpose of the grant is to increase academic achievement and reduce disparities for students.
- The law states we should be extra focused and ensure we are reaching out to:
    - Students and families of color.
    - Student with disabilities.
    - Emerging bilingual students.
    - Students navigating poverty.
    - Homelessness and foster care.
    - Other student groups that have historically experienced academic disparities.
- Timeline – Where we are at this time.
        - February – Approval of SIA Plan.
        - March – Submit SIA Application.
- SIA Guidelines of allowable investments: The Grant fund can be spent in the following four categories:
    - Class Size
    - Well-Rounded Education
    - Instructional Time
    - Health and Safety
- Data Gathering Process – Through the following input sessions we heard from over 3,149 voices.
        - Your Voice Matters Series and Board Workshops.
        - Online Surveys – results were provided.
        - Community and parent events.
        - Student leadership groups and individual schools.

SIA Plan Review - Mr. Richardson, Ms. Wallace, Ms. Komar, Ms. Devlin, Ms. O'Neill, and Ms. Pearson provided a SIA Plan Review along with budget projections for 2020-21.

- Mr. Richardson provided the Draft SIA Plan that was shared at the February 27th Board Workshop which is divided into the four categories above of allowable investments. A majority of the investments were going to the elementary level and a smaller amount to the middle school level. There was not a lot of targeted investments for high school due to Measure 98 and the 21st Century Grant.

- The General Fund Budget Projections for 2020-21. In the process of balancing the budget, this showed a significant deficit due to the following:
    - Declining enrollment
    - ADM weighted funding
    - Potential reduction in grants
    - Increase in MESD Contract
- We are looking at a deficit of approximately $8.3 million and our SIA funding is coming in at $8 to $8.5 million.
- We reached out to ODE to help. Their recommendation: SIA does not need to be used on all new items. Through a specific process, it can be used to stay at current service level.
- Ms. Komar provided a document which showed what it would look like with changes in funding and the different contingency rates if we were to use SIA funds for targeted items and to retain teaching staff at the same ratios.
- We will also be looking for reductions in the general fund.
- A new proposal was presented to use the Student Investment Account to maintain current service level. This would still include areas in the four targeted items of class size, well-rounded education, instructional time, and health and safety. This new plan is an action item for the Board to consider their approval this evening.
- Next steps - the finalized SIA application will come to the Board for review.
- An Operation Levy is an option and could be explored.

SIA Plan – Ms. Stephens moved approval of the Student Investment Account Plan, seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion approve in a vote of 6-0. Ms. Muranovic departed the meeting before the vote was taken.

Andrea Valderrama, Board Chair

Ken Richardson, Superintendent / Clerk