

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
January 19, 2012**

A special meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 5:00pm in the Board Room of the David Douglas School District Administration Building, located at 1500 SE 130th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97233.

School Board Members present were:

Annette Mattson, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Donn Gardner
Frieda Christopher	Mike Price
Shemia Fagan	Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta

Also present were Don Grotting, Superintendent/Clerk; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input – none

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting reported that the district's ELL audit by Oregon Department of Education concluded this afternoon with no findings, a rarity among districts with large ELL programs. The auditors did have recommendations for strengthening the program, as well as numerous commendations for staff and students. Of special note were the remarks from ELL parents saying they feel their students are being well served by the district. The official report will be reviewed at a future board meeting. OSHA visited the high school today and will investigate the incident which occurred in a science classroom last week. Superintendent Grotting distributed two drafts of the 2012-13 school calendar, which were sent out to staff for a vote on preferences. Draft #B was selected by a majority of staff members. Board members will be asked to vote on the calendar under Other Business. The superintendent said he has attended several basketball games and has been impressed by the number of people in the stands. Parents have expressed their appreciation to him that the board has maintained co-curricular activities and special programs. He was recently approached by a patron who was a student athlete here, wanting to rename our baseball field for Bob Gray, Sr, former coach during a championship season. Mr. Grotting suggested that the board might want to adopt board policy regarding naming of facilities. He'll bring some samples to a future meeting to begin that discussion.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Fagan. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- Adoption of MESD Programs & Services Proposal for 2012-13
- Revision of Board Policy JECB: Admission of Nonresident Students (Second Reading)
- Personnel Recommendations

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between David Douglas School District and East County Bargaining Council – Chair Mattson thanked DDEA and the district bargaining team for the long hours and very hard work put into this agreement. Ms. Christopher said she was very pleased to return to a collaborative model, which allowed more creativity in problem solving. Ms. Fagan said as a new board member she was very impressed by the professionalism, mutual respect and creativity which resulted in this agreement. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said this sends a positive message to our community as we working together for best outcomes for our students. Mr. Price said this was his first time on the bargaining team, and that he appreciated all of the efforts by DDEA and the district. He said he hopes other districts will reflect on our example. Mr. Gardner said that

this June will mark the 50th anniversary of his graduation from David Douglas High School and his family's roots go deep here. He said he was extremely proud of this negotiation process, and that this board is proud of this district and proud of our staff.

Superintendent Grotting said that three experienced members of the DDEA team are at the top of the salary schedule, and sacrificed for the benefit of those who are following them. He remarked that Greg Lind did great job as bargaining chair, and in his communication to keep member apprised of the process. The superintendent said there are very tough times ahead, and that there will likely be another reduction in force necessary. He said the trust built between the staff and the administration will make the best of a difficult situation. He noted that Ken Richardson also played a key role in building that trust and reaching an agreement. He thanked Patt Komar for her help with financial information, thanked OEA Uniserve Consultant Jess Reschke for being a great facilitator for DDEA, and thanked all parties for their creative thinking.

DDEA President Bob Gray thanked board members for their service in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. He said that during this round of bargaining, he found it refreshing that the board was willing to change and adapt, and said that coming through with a workload relief proposal was amazing. He said this agreement speaks volumes about the relationship between DDEA and the district, and that he appreciates the respect he received as a union leader. DDEA Bargaining Chair Greg Lind said he is also proud that the agreement which was reached is what is right for the district, for DDEA members and for our students. He said he was proud of what was accomplished together and hopes it shows other area school districts how to move forward.

Mr. Gardner moved, Ms. Christopher seconded, to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between David Douglas School District and the East County Bargaining Council for July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to approve the contract carried unanimously. Board members and DDEA Bargaining Team members signed the signature page of the document.

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between David Douglas School District and OSEA Chapter 40 – tabled at this time

Appointment of Budget Committee Member – Ms. Fagan reported that the three well-qualified applicants expressed interest in serving on the Budget Committee. Having reviewed their letters of application, she nominated Jordan Norris for a three year term. She said he has a young child who will be coming into our schools and has a vested interest in the ongoing success of the district. Ms. Christopher moved that the nominations be closed. The appointment of Mr. Norris was approved in a unanimous vote. Mr. Norris said he was honored to be selected and looks forward to working in this capacity.

Audit Report – Director of Administrative Services Patt Komar presented copies of the comprehensive annual financial report. She introduced Tamara Graham, lead auditor from Pauly, Rogers & Company, to review highlights of the report. The auditor issued a clean, unqualified opinion with no reservations. There were no issues of non-compliance, and only one deficiency noted related to timeliness of bank statement reconciliations. Ms. Graham said Management's response to that deficiency was appropriate. Two other matters were brought to the district's attention for their consideration: the amount of fidelity insurance the district carries relative to cash and investment balances; and, in their capacity as a contracted service, the MESD's lack of an internal control report covering their operations. Superintendent Grotting thanked Ms. Komar and her staff for their work. Ms. Fagan made a motion to accept the Auditor's Report, seconded by Ms. Barberis. The report was accepted in a unanimous vote. Mr. Gardner requested information about costs/benefits of increasing our fidelity insurance coverage.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Two drafts of the 2012-13 school calendar were presented to staff to determine their preference. 450 staff members voted, with Draft B receiving 56% of the votes. In response to the staff vote, Mr. Gardner moved approval of Draft B, seconded by Mr. Price. The 2012-13 school calendar was approved in a vote of 7-0. Ms. Christopher recommended posting this calendar early for our patrons' information. Mr. Grotting said that high school grade and credit requirements will be a future agenda item with recommendations from the high school administration. Chair Mattson said the board's visioning workshop will be rescheduled.

Board Member Reports – Ms. Christopher announced that the Educational Foundation's spring fundraising event will be held at Camp Angelo with proceeds to benefit Outdoor School. A date in April will be determined soon. Samples of typical outdoor school experiences are planned for participants. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta reported that community meetings on the SE Division Street Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative will be held on January 23 and February 16, 6pm in our board room. She thanked Cherie-Anne May, Gilbert Heights principal and district resident, for volunteering to serve on that committee.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Chair Mattson declared the meeting adjourned.



Annette Mattson, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk