

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
February 4, 2010**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 7:00pm 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:

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

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Deputy Superintendent; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Board Member Reports – Mr. Centoni attended yesterday’s festivities when David Douglas High School senior Owamagbe Odighizuwa signed his letter of intent to attend UCLA. He was pleased this young man is receiving national recognition, and remarked that Owa was quoted in today’s *Oregonian* as thanking the David Douglas faculty for pushing him to be a good student. Annette Mattson just returned from NSBA’s Federal Relations Conference in Washington, DC. She will share information from her meetings with Oregon’s Congressional delegation at the next board meeting. Frieda Christopher spent Saturday morning with the EPAP subcommittee group on civic development. They discussed El Programa Hispano’s grant to develop a parent education program for five ethnic groups, which includes a school involvement component. Ms. Christopher announced that David Douglas notable graduates John Jaha, Allison Hanna, and Vincent Johnson have accepted invitations to attend the April 24 celebration dinner. Orders for tickets should be submitted early as only 300 seats are available. Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta thanked the schools for their special tokens of recognition during School Board Recognition Month, saying she was very touched by the student letters and drawings. She also expressed her thanks to the members of the superintendent selection screening committee for all of their time and hard work. Chair Barberis said she attended a discussion on the “I Have a Dream” program yesterday, along with Superintendent Rommel, Candy Wallace and Barbara Kienle. She said David Douglas may be poised to get a slot in the program, which will pilot a whole school focus for post-secondary preparation.

Student Body President’s Report – Nick Anderson reported that second semester began this week. The Father-Daughter Banquet will be held on February 24. A regional acting competition will be held this Saturday. The David Douglas Jazz Band took first place at the league competition on January 23.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Rommel announced that the Mt. Hood Community College Board and President have invited board members to a reception on February 23, 6:00pm. Mr. Stout reported that two Gilbert Heights students were struck by a car this afternoon during dismissal. Thankfully, they were not injured. Candy Wallace shared a catalog from the Math Learning Center. The photo illustrations feature Earl Boyles students. Six Earl Boyles classrooms received \$100 gift certificates from the Center as part of a promotion.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Mattson. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- **Approval of MESD Service Plan**
- **Approval of 2010-11 School Calendar**
- **Personnel Recommendations**
- **Approval of January Board Meeting Minutes**

Audience Participation – The Board Chair opened the meeting for public comment.

Mike Ewald, district patron, expressed his concern that volunteer service which takes place beyond the school day is not reflected in reports of accumulated hours of volunteer service. He recommended tracking volunteer hours which take place during evenings and weekends.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Ms. Mattson requested a future report on graduation rates broken down by subgroups, showing trends over the past five years. Chair Barberis requested the Board's assistance in scheduling a meeting of the full budget committee. Ms. Essenberg suggested that it would be useful to wait until we have our school fund estimates, which should be issued the beginning of March. It was the Board's consensus to hold the meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 7:30pm.

The Board Chair suggested moving the June 10 board meeting to June 3, since the meeting on the 10th immediately follows a late night for graduation ceremonies on June 9. It was the Board's consensus to move the meeting to Thursday, June 3.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Board Chair Barberis announced that the Board would reconvene in Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(a) Selection of Chief Executive Officer (Superintendent). The Chair then declared the regular meeting adjourned.



Dawn Barberis, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk