

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
February 25, 2010**

A special meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the David Douglas School District Administration Building, located at 1500 SE 130<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Selection of David Douglas School District Superintendent** – Board Chair Barberis announced that this meeting was convened to consider only one agenda item, the selection of the superintendent. The Chair requested a motion. Ms. Mattson said that hiring the superintendent is the most important decision a school board makes. She noted that the superintendent is the education leader for the community, and shares with the Board the responsibility for student achievement. She said the Board was very fortunate to have had a large pool of good people apply for the position, and that the input from our community and the screening committee were really valued. Ms. Mattson said she was very pleased to find someone with a record of accomplishment and student achievement, and made a motion to hire Mr. Donald Grotting as Superintendent of David Douglas School District effective July 1, 2010. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Ms. Christopher remarked that one of the criteria developed during community meetings was a person who understands and has worked with a diverse population. She said Mr. Grotting meets the list of criteria developed by the Board and community. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta thanked the rest of the applicants and the finalists, saying she appreciates the work of those who applied and the tenure and dedication of the finalists. Mr. Centoni said the application process, interviews and site visit have been exciting and that he looks forward to working with the new superintendent. Having been moved and seconded, the motion to hire Mr. Donald Grotting as the next Superintendent of David Douglas School District was approved in a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Grotting thanked the Board and selection committee for their confidence in him, saying he will do his best to support David Douglas students and staff, and to carry on the good work of Superintendent Rommel and her administrative team. He said he has spoken with former administrators and teachers about David Douglas, and realizes we have a proud staff and a proud community. He expressed his thanks to the Board, selection committee, and community, saying he will try to do everything in his power to meet expectations. The Board leadership and Mr. Grotting signed his contract, which is appended to these minutes.

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items** – none

**Adjournment** – There being no other business, Board Chair Barberis declared the special meeting adjourned.



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Dawn Barberis, Board Chair



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Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk

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