

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

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, March 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 – Frieda Christopher reported on the ongoing work of the civic development group of EPAP (the East Portland Action Plan). Invitations to the 50th anniversary dinner have been mailed. A number of alumni notables have indicated they plan to attend. Student-designed note cards are being printed and will soon go on sale for \$10 per package. An historical display is being prepared, as well as a video. Donations of bottles of wine are needed for the fundraiser. Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta reported that she and Superintendent Rommel attended a reception on February 23 for east county board members hosted by the Mt. Hood Community College Board and President John Sygielski. He asked for ideas for better outreach by the college to feeder high schools, as few of our high school students are choosing MHCC after graduation. His staff plans to meet regularly with our counselors to build relationships, and he hopes to present his plans for additional outreach at one of our future board meetings.

Mike Centoni expressed his appreciation to our OSBA consultant and the members of the community screening committee for their efforts and input during the superintendent selection search, remarking that the leadership and direction of Chair Barberis were particularly instrumental in this process, as was her experience and background in education and in our community. He said she did an outstanding job. Annette Mattson reported on the NSBA Federal Relations Conference she attended in Washington, DC last month. The conference was attended by 900 school board members from across the nation, and proved to be a good opportunity to talk with elected officials about educational issues. Cherry Park Principal Barbara Chester also attended the event as president-elect of the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Ms. Mattson reported that the turnout was outstanding at the 122nd Avenue Pilot community workshop held February 23 at Ron Russell Middle School. She thanked Dan McCue and staff members for publicizing the event. The next meeting is Thursday, March 11. On February 25, Ms. Mattson attended the Chalkboard Project advisory council meeting, where Ed Dennis was a presenter. This Saturday, March 6 from 9:00-12:00, the Johnson Creek Watershed Council is sponsoring a watershed-wide cleanup.

Student Body President's Report – Daniel Tew, ASB Second Vice President, reported that on March 18 during the 2010 Portland-Regional Graffiti Summit, Ms. Kauble will accept an award from the Portland Police Bureau honoring the leadership class's graffiti cleanup project. The project has had good reception from neighbors and is making a positive impact. Last night the varsity boys basketball team beat Sprague in the first round of the basketball playoffs. They will play Westview

on Saturday. The dance team will compete in the state tournament on March 17. Natalia Mosailova has been selected as this year's Rose Festival Princess.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel introduced Coordinator of Music and Gifted Programs Cherie-Anne May, who reported that Ron Russell Middle School received a selection of new musical instruments valued at more than \$20,000 from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. Students were delighted to open the shipment of brand new, high quality instruments, a wonderful way to celebrate Music in our Schools Month. Superintendent Rommel announced that the High School Concert Choir has been invited to perform on April 2 at Michael Allen Harrison's "Ten Grand" concert. On Saturday, April 10, the City of Portland will host a town hall on the subject of education, with the location to be announced. It may be held in a David Douglas facility, with the expected time from 11:00-1:00. More information will be forthcoming. Superintendent Rommel said it was her pleasure to introduce Linda Vancil, newly selected to become Director of Fir Ridge Campus following the retirement of Ron Knight in June. Ms. Rommel said she is delighted to have her join that staff and looks forward to a very smooth transition. The superintendent also noted that this is Classified Employees Appreciation Week. Board members signed a proclamation at the last board meeting, which was distributed to all buildings for display. She said that our classified staff members are appreciated not just this week, but every day.

Approval of Budget Committee Member – Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta was pleased to introduce Sherrie Henson, who has agreed to serve on the Budget Committee. A 19-year David Douglas resident, Ms. Henson has two children who graduated from David Douglas High School. She is a vice president and site manager for Bank of the West. Ms. Henson said she is glad to serve her community in this way, and was honored to be asked to serve on the committee. Ms. Mattson made a motion to approve the appointment of Sherrie Henson to the David Douglas School District Budget Committee, seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Approval of Recommendations Regarding Renewal of Licensed Staff – Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve the recommendations regarding renewal of licensed staff as presented, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Presentation from Portland Parks & Recreation – Chris Dearth, Portland Parks & Recreation, is manager of the Portland Parks bond effort. He shared some of the issues being considered for a future parks bond, which may be submitted to voters as early as this fall. He said it would take more than \$400 million to address all of the needed safety and maintenance issues throughout the Parks system. The proposed bond will likely request around \$200 million, costing residents about \$8 per month for an average household (\$175,000 home value). The exact amount has not yet been determined, but the \$200 million figure would represent a rate of about 35 cents per thousand.

Mr. Dearth reviewed a map of our area's parks showing safety, maintenance and access issues for this part of the city. He commented that the needs are great and a bond would not permit all of them to be addressed. Bond funds would be strictly for capital needs. Board members noted that this area has been underserved regarding parks, and it was suggested that any bond spending be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the city's population represented by this area if they want support from our citizens. Mr. Dearth said there are three new parks proposed for construction in East Portland, the only part of the city where new parks would be built. Otherwise, bond funds would be used to bring safety up to code, and respond to the greatest needs for maintenance. He was asked whether there are any existing parks bonds on the books. Mr. Dearth said the bond passed in 1994 is nearly paid off, and the levy passed in 2000 has been paid in full.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Mattson made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion was approved in a vote of 7-0.

- **Personnel Recommendations**
- **Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes**

Audience Participation – Mike Ewald, district patron, said he attended the EPAP meeting. He said with 24% of the city’s population represented in east Portland, only 2% of the budget is designated for this area. He encouraged the board and community to continue to seek equity. He also thanked the Board for inviting him to serve on the superintendent search committee.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Superintendent Rommel reported that the date for welcoming activities for the new superintendent has not yet been determined. The evening of April 1 and all day April 2 have been proposed. Mr. Grotting will be provided opportunities to meet with administrators, staff and the community.

Adjournment – There being no other business, the board chair announced that she would be convening an executive session immediately following the regular meeting, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(d) Collective Bargaining.



Dawn Barberis, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk