

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
March 6, 2008**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. 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:

Annette Mattson, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Donn Gardner
Bruce Burton	Mike Price
Mike Centoni	

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Assistant Superintendent; Gary Haase, Interim Director of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk; Sherrie Barger, Director of Curriculum; Susan Summers, Director of Human Resources; Barbara Kienle, Director of Student Services; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

**Call to Order / Flag Salute**

**Board Member Reports** – Donn Gardner was proud to report that Monday night his nephew won the PAC-10 wrestling championship in the heavyweight division. Board Chair Mattson said she attended OSBA's governance committee meeting, and said she hopes board members will attend OSBA's regional dinner meeting on April 8 where governance will be discussed. She was pleased to be invited to take part in the filming of a commercial on March 2 for the Jeff Merkley campaign. On March 5, Ms. Mattson attended a workshop sponsored by the Oregon Department of Energy regarding solar energy requirements for public buildings. David Callaway, from the district's maintenance department, also attended. New statute requires that 1.5% of construction costs be used for appropriate solar energy technology. The board chair shared information regarding a safety forum being held on March 11 at the East Portland Community Center, and remarked that Susan Castillo will speak at an education forum in Portland on April 26.

**Student Body President's Report** – Stacy Chao reported that next week is Rose Festival Week. The Rose Festival assembly will be held the morning of March 17, with princess selection that afternoon. The "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser will be held the week of March 10-21.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Rommel announced that she and Bruce Burton will attend the meeting of the Powellhurst/Gilbert Neighborhood Association on Monday, March 10. She was pleased to announce that Gilbert Park Elementary has been named one of twelve nominees for OSBA's "Celebrating Student Success" award. Seven schools will be selected for that honor, which will be awarded at a statewide banquet on May 9. The superintendent congratulated the Gilbert Park staff for the big gains in student assessment scores which lead to this recognition. On March 12, the Portland City Council will consider a resolution to allow a portion of the David Douglas School District to be a "satellite" portion of the River District urban renewal in order to build a new school and community center on the site. The public is welcome to attend the meeting to speak or demonstrate interest in the proposal. Sherrie Barger reported that the Campfire program has evolved over the years and now serves girls and boys, K-12. Today she attended Campfire's "Absolutely Incredible Kid Day" celebration and luncheon, where David Douglas was quite in the limelight. The executive director mentioned David Douglas in his opening remarks to more than 800 attendees, as well as the Fir Ridge teams in particular who have been doing community service and a number of special

projects. He also spoke about the partnership with Mill Park's after school program. Mayor Potter attended and presented an award to Mill Park student Brandon Todd, who sold 1,702 boxes of Campfire candy and was the top seller in Oregon. Mr. Burton expressed his hope that all youth organizations, such as Boy Scouts, are being offered equity of access. Ms. Barger reported that Fir Ridge Campus hosted their fourth annual career day yesterday with 26 presenters participating. Students spent half an hour at four presentations each. Mike Stout reported that next week's statewide PBS conference will be held in Eugene. Teams from each of our schools will attend, and teams from Menlo Park, Alice Ott, and the high school will be presenters. Ericka Guynes will also do two presentations. The Oregon Department of Education is sponsoring a kindergarten summit here in Portland on March 19. Mill Park kindergarten teacher Whitney Peters and Instructional Alternatives Coordinator Pam Bejerano will make joint presentations at two of the breakout sessions, and Superintendent Rommel will be the featured speaker during lunch.

**Proclamation in Honor of Classified Employees Week** – Board Chair Mattson read a proclamation signed by all of the members of the board and the superintendent to honor the work of the district's classified employees. It was distributed and posted in all of our buildings in recognition of Classified Employees Appreciation Week, March 3-7, 2008. Board members expressed their appreciation for the fine work done every day by the members of our classified staff. Governor Kulongoski also signed a proclamation recognizing these valuable staff members, which was posted in the board room.

**Construction Project Update** – Gary Haase presented a construction schedule for the Floyd Light Middle School construction project which is planned for completion in September. He reviewed a diagram of the campus showing the location of the contractors' trailer, temporary road and staging area for construction as well as the location of the new wing. A meeting will be held tomorrow with Atlas to give them drawings of the high school track and field so they can begin costing out that project. Mr. Haase will bring the total cost back to the board when it has been determined.

**First Readings: Board Policy –**

- **#5125 Homeless Students**
- **#5500 Special Education Program**
- **Revision of #7100.1 Parent Involvement in Chapter I Program Design and Implementation**

Board members were presented with three items of board policy for first readings. Oregon Department of Education completed an audit of compliance with federal grant requirements and determined that these areas needed to be addressed in our board policy. The policy drafts will be presented for a vote at the next board meeting.

**Consent Agenda** – Mr. Centoni moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

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

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

**Audience Participation** – The board chair opened the meeting for public comment. There were no remarks from the audience.

**Adjournment** – There being no other business, Chair Mattson announced that the board would reconvene in executive session immediately following the regular meeting, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(d) Collective Bargaining. She then declared the regular meeting adjourned.



Annette Mattson, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk

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