

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
June 14, 2007**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, June 14, 2007, 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:

Donn Gardner, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Frieda Christopher
Bruce Burton	Carl Clinton
Mike Centoni	Annette Mattson

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Assistant Superintendent; 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** – Frieda Christopher commented on high school graduation, where the Educational Foundation presented four scholarships. Feedback is being gathered regarding the dinner/auction as the group looks ahead to next year. Ms. Christopher will serve on a subcommittee of Opportunity Gateway regarding street improvements in the Prunedale area. Annette Mattson said she was delighted that the Oregon Speaker of the House, Representative Jeff Merkley, was able to speak at the high school graduation ceremony as a David Douglas graduate and former student body president. In addition to high school graduation, she was pleased to attend the GED graduation ceremony at Fir Ridge, along with Dawn Barberis and the superintendent. Ms. Mattson was pleased to represent PGE at the Community 101 grant awards ceremony held recently at Fir Ridge. Sponsored by the PGE Foundation, the program gives students the opportunity to award grants to local social service agencies. Fir Ridge students chose as their mission to select agencies that have a positive impact on health and wellness. Ms. Mattson thanked Communications Specialist Dan McCue for producing an excellent issue of the David Douglas Community newsletter, saying it was very well written and presented some great information. Board Chair Gardner said he enjoyed the Shu-Te dinner as well as the performance by the students from Shu-Te High School, which he said was outstanding.

Mr. Gardner announced that tonight's meeting would be the final one for Board Member Carl Clinton, as he did not choose to run for reelection and is concluding his term. He thanked Carl for his eight years of service to David Douglas School District, said his insight and perspective will be much missed, and that he has been a valuable member of the board team over the years. Mr. Burton said he has known Carl for many years, and has valued his counsel. He said Mr. Clinton brought the perspective of a public employee from another sector to the board's discussions. Mr. Centoni thanked Mr. Clinton for his service to our community, and extending his best wishes to Carl and his wife, Dee. Ms. Mattson said she was sad to hear that he chose not to run for reelection, and wished him the very best. Mr. Clinton said serving on the Board has been a really good learning experience, something entirely different from other areas of his life. He said he really enjoyed the challenge and camaraderie, and helping to build a solid team here to work in the best interests of David Douglas students.

**Superintendent's Report** – Sherrie Barger introduced the spelling contest winners from each of our schools, and congratulated the three finalists who competed at the county level. They were Grey Patterson, Division I; Sierra Fitch, Division II; and Jared Caranto, Division III. Board Chair Gardner presented each with a certificate and lapel pin in honor of their achievement. The Superintendent and Board Chair honored Thu Van with a certificate and pin for sharing much time and energy as a high school volunteer and mentor to students. Also honored were Jim Price, Emerson Hardwoods; Rand Robinson and Frank Kaltenbach, Barbo Machinery Company; and Carl Boden and Blaze Haller, Boden Store Fixtures, whose donations of time, equipment and materials have been a real benefit to our high school woodworking students. Five students from this successful program, led by teacher Doug Ivey, have been selected to participate in a national conference. From 200 entries, all five were accepted as finalists at the event, which will be held this summer in Las Vegas.

The board chair declared a brief recess for a hearing by the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission on the David Douglas 2007-08 Budget. Following the hearing, the meeting was reconvened.

**Resolution Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2007-08** – Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Burton. The 2007-08 Budget was adopted in a unanimous vote of 7-0.

**Energy Conservation Report** – Paul Arzt reported on the District's resource conservation management. Efforts are focused on conservation of energy (electricity/natural gas); utilities (water/sewer/stormwater); and garbage reduction/recycling and composting. The Department of Energy provides guidance on how to best conserve the District's resources. Energy audits have been conducted for all of our schools which helped identify areas to target for improvement. Energy-efficient lighting has been installed in recent building upgrades, and bathroom upgrades include fixtures which reduce water usage. AmeriCorps worker Holly Wolfe was brought on board in January to collect data. Utility Manager Pro software was purchased and four years of operating data for electricity, gas, sewer, water, stormwater, and garbage has been entered. Mr. Arzt reviewed a summary of utility usage and costs over the past four years.

Future plans include continued data input and analysis, installation of "real time" meters at schools, and getting a grasp of what portion of the variations in usage are things we can control. We will also pursue more stormwater credits and mitigation programs. Continued implementation of energy conservation projects include lighting replacements at Lincoln Park and Ventura Park this summer, a steam-trap maintenance program, and other preventive maintenance. Future plans include development of best practices and standard operation procedures which target conservation, and periodic city water audits and solid waste audits through Metro. Recycling efforts will be expanded, and we are piloting some composting projects, including one under way at Alice Ott. Alice Ott also recently completed a stormwater mitigation project, where their "rain garden" retains water on site from building gutters.

**Audience Participation** – Board Chair Gardner opened the meeting for public comment. There were no remarks from the audience.

**Arthur Academy Charter Renewal** – This item was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Mr. Clinton. Board Chair Gardner said that he served on the Charter Review Committee along with Dawn Barberis, Sherrie Barger and Courtney Wilton. Mr. Wilton has indicated that the school's financial situation is sound at this time. It is the committee's recommendation that the

Arthur Academy Charter be renewed by the Board. Ms. Mattson so moved, seconded by Ms. Barberis. The motion was approved in a vote of 6-1 (Burton, Barberis, Centoni, Christopher, Gardner, Mattson in favor; Clinton opposed).

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

- **Resolution to Increase Grant Fund Appropriations for the Year 2006-07**
- **Resolution to Appoint Budget Officer for Fiscal Year 2007-08**
- **Resolution Appointing Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Designating Depositories for School Funds for Fiscal Year 2007-08**
- **Resolution to Temporarily Borrow from General Fund Reserves for Grant Purposes for Fiscal Year 2007-08**
- **Resolution for Facsimile Signatures for US Bank for Fiscal Year 2007-08**
- **Resolution to Participate in the Local Government Investment Pool with Amounts Up to \$39,839,066 for Fiscal Year 2007-08**
- **Resolution Selecting Talbot, Korvola & Warwick, LLP as Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2007-08**
- **Resolution Setting Tuition for School Year 2007-08**
- **Resolution to Select a Property and Liability Insurance Carrier for the 2007-08 School Year**
- **Resolution to Select a Student Accident Insurance Carrier for K-12 Students for the 2007-08 School Year**
- **Resolution to Select a Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier for the 2007-08 School Year**
- **Awarding of Lighting Bid**
- **Personnel Recommendations**
- **Approval of May Board Meeting Minutes**

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items** – Mr. Centoni and Ms. Barberis will be unable to attend the Executive Session on June 21. Both will send their remarks to the Board Chair prior to the meeting. Superintendent Rommel presented a **Resolution Canvassing the Votes of the May 15, 2007 Director Election** for approval. Mr. Centoni moved that the resolution be approved as presented, seconded by Mr. Burton. The resolution was approved in a unanimous vote.

The superintendent presented another resolution for action. A **Resolution to Transfer Money from Technology Fund Contingency to Technology Support Services for the Year 2006-07** was offered to permit a transfer of funds to make some year-end computer equipment purchases. Ms. Christopher made a motion to approve the fund transfer, seconded by Mr. Centoni. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Superintendent Rommel announced that Menlo Park and Gilbert Heights will share a prize of \$1,000 for library books, as the co-winners of a program sponsored by Multnomah County Library. The District was also notified of a grant award which will support Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and

Response to Intervention (RTI). The Earl Boyles juggling and unicycle team received a first place ribbon in the Junior Rose Festival parade. The Floyd Light band also placed well in the parade. The David Douglas High School cheerleaders won first place in the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade.

Board Chair Gardner announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session next Thursday, June 21, at 7:00pm to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation. The next regular meeting will be held July 19. Mr. Gardner thanked board members and the administration for their support this year in his role as Chair, and especially noted the support and assistance of Annette Mattson as Vice Chair. He said he hopes the new leadership will consider continuing this year's practice of using a workshop format for the second meeting of the month.

**Adjournment** – There being no other business, the board chair declared the meeting adjourned.



Donn Gardner, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk

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