

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
June 14, 2012**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, June 14, 2012, 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:

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

Also present were Don Grotting, Superintendent/Clerk; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Student Body President's Report / Recognitions – ASB President Tanner Adrian reported that the final day of school for seniors was June 1. Special senior activities included Senior Recognition Night, a trip to Oaks Park, graduation at the Chiles Center on June 7, and the all night party following graduation, which was held at the Mt. Scott Community Center. Student Council members volunteered their help during Lincoln Park School's field day. The Scots marching band took first place at the Rose Festival Starlight Parade. Summer leagues are underway for baseball, basketball, and football. Tanner expressed his thanks to the district staff and in particular his teachers for the excellent education he received attending David Douglas schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. He announced that Megan Bier will be ASB President next school year.

- Recognition of Student Body President – Board Chair Mattson read a commendation and presented Tanner Adrian with a plaque thanking him for his excellent service as student body president, and wishing him every success in the future.
- Recognition of District Spelling Contest Winners – Katie Beckett, District Title I and Language Arts Coordinator, presented building winners of the district spelling competition. Each received a certificate in honor of their achievement.
- Recognition of Board Chair Mattson – Superintendent Grotting said Annette Mattson has done a wonderful job as Board Chair this year during a period of difficult reductions in our teaching and classified staff. He also noted that she has led the board through successful contract negotiations with both of our bargaining units, and in large part due to her leadership, the district was able to pass a bond. On behalf of the board, district staff, and our students, he presented Chair Mattson with a plaque in honor of her service. Chair Mattson remarked that this board is truly committed to this district, and that David Douglas is a family where we're all in this together for our kids.

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input –

- Citizens for Schools Bond Campaign Wrap Up – Chair Mattson thanked all of the people who contributed to the 65% approval of our bond, and thanked the many donors who gave the campaign the means to get the message out. She recognized a list of major donors to the campaign, noting that with their help the campaign met their goal to raise \$75,000. Ms. Christopher, who served as treasurer for the Citizens for Schools bond campaign, reported that thanks to the community's support there will be approximately \$15,900 in seed money for a future bond campaign.

- CAN Initiative presentation – Portland Mayor Sam Adams congratulated the board on their successful bond campaign. He presented an update on the City's effort to place a measure on the November ballot to support arts education in Portland schools. The measure would provide funding to maintain nine certified arts educators in David Douglas elementary schools. He said the measure has been five years in the planning, and that polling on this looks very strong. His vision has been for the one time money provided by the City to be a bridge to ongoing funding provided through this measure. He said it is amazing that in our city we have too many children that get no arts or music education, which is not only about those specific topics but about the ability to think and problem solve creatively. The City Council will vote to refer this measure on June 27.

The mayor introduced Jessica Jarratt Miller, who said she is thrilled to present to this information to David Douglas, whose board has made music education a priority. She said it would be exciting to keep elementary music education off the chopping block going forward. She reviewed cuts in arts education in other Portland school districts, noting that there are now 12,000 students who receive no arts education. The measure would create a new relationship between the City and school districts via a capped income tax, where city residents would be assessed \$35 each per year, excusing folks below the poverty level. Funds raised by the measure would create a \$12 million annual fund which would also be invested in grants and in arts organizations that serve our city. The tax would be collected by the Bureau of Revenue for the City of Portland.

Superintendent Grotting thanked Mayor Adams for working with David Douglas to maintain our arts program, saying that for our student population to have these opportunities is truly a gift. Mayor Adams said that David Douglas is proof positive of why these programs are important to keep, as one of the last districts to hang on to this core program. He said he is convinced that keeping arts programs in our schools will continue to improve graduation rates. Superintendent Grotting thanked the mayor for the \$100,000 city commitment for our high school's SUN program.

- Upstream Public Health grant report – Tia Henderson presented a grant update. The grant provided water stations around the district. Working with our Healthy Active Schools Coordinator, and thanks to the help of Barbara Kienle, they were able to install 12 water stations in eight different schools, and handed out 5,000 water bottles to expand access to filtered, chilled water to our middle and high school students. They also sponsored an art contest to assist students in developing linkage between health and water consumption. She presented copies of a final report highlighting work accomplished and lessons learned.

Audience Input –

Kirk Huelshoff, a 30 year district employee from Ron Russell Middle School: reviewed that staff's effort to recognize their former librarian, whose position was lost last year due to budget cuts. He said her loss has impacted every teacher in their building. They sent the superintendent a petition to rename the Ron Russell Middle School Library. He said he was notified that the board is forming a committee to develop guidelines for naming facilities. He suggested having a supermajority of staff sign a petition, having all costs donated by staff members, and suggested including a sunset feature of perhaps 30 years to reflect a typical teacher career, if there are concerns about permanently naming a facility. Chair Mattson confirmed that a committee is being formed, and thanked him for his presentation. Other questions about naming opportunities have been received and will be on hold until the committee's recommendations are considered by the board.

Mark Knaust, David Douglas resident – requested a reciprocal release for his son in order to participate in athletics at Barlow High School. His son completed his freshman year at David Douglas and next fall has been accepted to Barlow High School under Open Enrollment. Superintendent Grotting said that per OSAA regulations, non-resident students are ineligible to play for their first year of attendance. He said that the Mt. Hood Conference Hardship Committee could grant the parent's request. Historically we have not granted releases involving athletic considerations. The board will discuss the request and will direct the superintendent to respond in writing on their behalf.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting reported that he participated in graduations for David Douglas and Fir Ridge students and both were very positive and successful events. At the Chiles Center he watched Chair Mattson and Vice Chair Gardner do a wonderful job presenting diplomas to nearly 600 students. He expressed his congratulations to all of our schools for making a difference in our students' lives. The district's sale of bonds will take place July 19. An RFP for a construction manager is being prepared. Patt Komar has completed considerable upfront work to be sure all legal requirements are met. She will meet with representatives from Seattle Northwest regarding investment policies after the bonds are sold. Barbara Kienle will be recognized at the COSA conference as Central Office Administrator of the Year for Oregon. David Douglas has received a CLASS planning grant from The Chalkboard Project, and will work with DDEA to review teacher evaluation and professional development. The district may partner with Portland State University in another Chalkboard grant application regarding a new model for students teachers. Following City Council approval, the district expects to receive approximately \$1.1 million in one-time funds to support teachers and students. Details are being finalized on how these funds may be used. The Governor's visit to Earl Boyles went well. Nine applications have been received to serve on the bond oversight committee. Applications will continue to be received until July 1. The superintendent said he enjoyed the Shu-Te delegation visit from Kaohsiung, Taiwan, which included a dinner, a luncheon, and an outstanding performance by Shu-Te students.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Fagan requested that lunch price recommendations be removed from consent agenda. Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Fagan. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of May Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Revised 2011-12 School Calendar
- Resolution Canvassing the Votes of the May 15, 2012 General Obligation Bond Election
- Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Negotiated Sale and Delivery of General Obligation Bonds; Designating an Authorized Representative, Bond Counsel and Underwriter; Delegating the Approval and Distribution of the Preliminary and Final Official Statements; Authorizing Execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement and Related Matters
- Resolution Bond Proceeds Investment Policy
- Mutual Aid Omnibus Agreement – Emergency Assistance
- Resolution to Appoint Budget Officer for Fiscal Year 2012-13
- Resolution Appointing Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Designating Depositories for School Funds for Fiscal Year 2012-13
- Resolution to Temporarily Borrow from General Fund Reserves for Grant Purposes for Fiscal Year 2012-13
- Resolution for Facsimile Signatures for US Bank for Fiscal Year 2012-13
- Resolution to Participate in the Local Government Investment Pool with Amounts Up to the Limit Allowed by the Oregon State Treasury for Fiscal Year 2012-13

- Resolution Setting Tuition for School Year 2012-13
- Resolution to Select a Student Accident Insurance Carrier for K-12 Students for the 2012-13 School Year
- Resolution to Select a Property and Casualty Insurance Carrier for the Year 2012-13
- Resolution to Select a Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier for the Year 2012-13
- Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to be the Authorized Representative to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2012-13 School Year
- Integrated Pest Management Program

Resolution to Increase Lunch Prices for the 2012-13 School Year – Ms. Fagan asked for clarification. Nutrition Services Manager Jodi Taylor said that due to federal requirements, the district received a notice from the State of Oregon requiring that our lunch prices be increased by 4 cents to align with federal funds received for free and reduced priced meals. She made the recommendation to make the increase 5 cents for ease of payment. Dr. Barberis asked why we don't serve free breakfast at the high school. Ms. Taylor said it was not cost effective when considering the changes which would be required in district transportation schedules. Breakfast at the high school is offered daily for \$1. Mr. Gardner moved approval of the lunch price increase as recommended, seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

The board chair declared a brief recess in order to conduct a public hearing on the David Douglas 2012-13 budget. There were no public questions or comments. The board meeting was reconvened.

Resolution Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2012-13 – Dr. Barberis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Price. Mr. Gardner said to vote in favor of this budget with any enthusiasm is impossible, but this is the budget we have. He noted the tremendous effort on the part of all employees of this district to do more with less. The resolution passed in a vote of 7-0.

Revision of Board Policy IKF – Diploma Requirements (Second Reading) – Dr. Barberis moved approval of the board policy revision as presented, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

New Board Policy GCQAB – Private Tutoring for Pay (Second Reading) – Ms. Christopher moved approval as presented, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The policy was approved in a vote of 7-0.

Approval of Achievement Compact – Brooke O'Neill reviewed the process undertaken to develop the achievement compact, saying many people came together to help achieve this work. The group met twice to review requirements and trend data, and to break down into work groups. They reconvened to set targets to monitor for next year. No direction was provided by the state regarding how to accomplish this task. Work groups reviewed the data, looking at percentages, and how many students would need to move to meet a target. Each work group made a recommendation to the entire committee and provided a rationale for their recommended target. The group was mindful of reductions in staff, and preferred to be conservative with goal setting this first year. Consensus was reached on each target during a large group discussion.

Ms. O'Neill said post-secondary enrollment targets were difficult to establish as they seem out of our control. We need baseline data on students earning nine or more college credits, and need to establish a stronger working relationship with MHCC. John May said we only receive aggregate information, not individual information, from MHCC. As this has not been tracked before, we need

individual baseline data to identify students, match to the cohort, sum up earned credits via AP testing, and establish the number of students who earned 9 or more credits. Ms. O'Neill reviewed the rationale for each of the other target areas. Next steps in the process are board adoption of the compact, which will be done annually, and submission to OEIB for approval by June 30. An Achievement Compact committee will be established in the fall to further determine actions needed to achieve targets. She thanked members of the committee for their work.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the Achievement Compact as presented, seconded by Mr. Price. Ms. Fagan said she earlier expressed concern that this not be a "top down" process. She said she has received assurance that this was a co-creation of administrators, parents, and teachers at all levels, commending the group for a job well done. The superintendent thanked Dr. Barberis for representing the board on the committee. The Achievement Compact was approved in a vote of 7-0.

Election of Board Leadership for 2012-13 – Chair Mattson expressed her thanks to fellow board members for their hard work on the bond campaign and all the other tasks that fell to the board this year, and thanked Mr. Gardner for his support in serving as co-chair. She opened nominations for board leadership. Ms. Christopher nominated Donn Gardner as Chair for 2012-13, seconded by Ms. Fagan. There being no other nominations, Mr. Gardner was elected Board Chair for 2012-13 in a vote of 7-0. Mr. Gardner nominated Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta as vice chair. His motion was seconded by Mr. Price. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta was elected Vice Chair for 2012-13 in a vote of 7-0.

The board chair declared a brief recess. The meeting was reconvened.

Discussion of Inter-District Transfer Criteria for 2012-13 – The superintendent requested some direction from the board regarding our criteria for release of students via inter-district transfer. Assistant Superintendent Osburn reported that by year's end we released 70 more students than we took in, an anomaly, as the difference in past years has generally been 25-30. We currently have 97 applications for release. Past decisions have been made on a case by case basis, considering issues such as child care, mid-year moves, and specialty programs. We generally approve until a natural transition point, such as the move between elementary and middle school. She asked whether past practice should continue, or whether to approve continuing students and siblings but not new requests. Superintendent Grotting said as funding gets tighter, other districts may restrict releases to us. The board's consensus was to continue per past practice.

Revision of the 2012-13 Elementary School Calendar – Superintendent Grotting requested board approval to change four days on the elementary school calendar from half days to full non-contact days. He said the district is implementing a new language acquisition delivery program as well as new core content standards. They are two enormous initiatives, and the district does not have the resources to provide substitutes to facilitate needed professional development collaborations. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta. The revision of the 2012-13 elementary school calendar was approved in a vote of 7-0.

Superintendent's Goals Report – Superintendent Grotting presented his three year goals at the time he was hired. He said he will prepare a progress report toward these goals for the board's use during their evaluation process.

Selection of Date for Superintendent's Evaluation – It was the board's consensus to meet on Thursday, July 12 at 5:30pm in executive session to develop their consensus remarks. The superintendent's formal evaluation will be presented in open session at the August 9 board meeting.

Selection of Date for Facility Naming Task Force Meeting – Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta and Mr. Gardner will represent the board on this committee. The superintendent will email possible dates for a 7:30am meeting.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items –

- **Purchase of Apple Computers** – Derek Edens presented a memo outlining a recommendation for purchase of Apple Macbook Pro computers. The purchase will use bond funds allocated for Technology in the next fiscal year, however the order must be placed now in order to take advantage of heavily discounted pricing. Mr. Gardner so moved, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.
- **Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the 2011-12 Budget** – Patt Komar presented a resolution making a contingency transfer due to a mid-year budget adjustment, to meet prescribed guidelines. Mr. Price so moved, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The resolution was approved in a vote of 7-0.

Chair Mattson announced that she has received word from Mike Price that he will be moving outside the district, so will be resigning his seat on the board. His final day of service will be August 30. She thanked him for his service, and said the board appreciates receiving advance notice of his departure. She reviewed the process for filling an unexpired term on the school board. A request for letters of interest from district residents will be posted for 30 days beginning on Monday. There will be five-minute presentations from applicants during the regular board meeting in August, with nominations and a vote at the September meeting.

Mr. Gardner offered to serve on the construction committee to provide continuity in anticipation of Mr. Price's departure. He asked for research on the threshold for moving projects forward in the past, recalling that it was a specific dollar value. Dr. Barberis said the committee has worked through a tentative list of priorities. Superintendent Grotting remarked that some grant funding might leverage other dollars.

The district is soliciting applications for volunteers to serve on the bond oversight committee through July 1.

Board Member Reports – Dr. Barberis brought forward a concern expressed by a citizen who lives near SE 130th & Lincoln about graffiti in the neighborhood. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta thanked the twelve month staff, saying she hoped staff working through the summer will take some time off. Ms. Christopher reported that the Gateway Education Center group will be meeting with the mayor on July 17. They are working to narrow their focus to solicit private funding for the project. Ms. Christopher will be gathering data from the county showing exempt property and affordable housing, broken out by east Portland as compared with other areas of the city, in conjunction with her work on the housing committee. Chair Mattson attended the governor's press conference at Earl Boyles where he introduced Rudy Crew, the state's new chief education officer. She said it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase that school. She said the graduation events she attended were very rewarding to her as a board member. She and her husband, along with Superintendent and Mrs. Grotting, attended the Shu-Te banquet. She also attended a meeting of the Early Works fundraising committee, which she co-chairs with Ken Thrasher, saying it will be a great opportunity to learn from a master fundraiser. Ms. Christopher also participated in that meeting. Chair Mattson represents her employer on the Chalkboard Advisory Council, where she heard some glowing comments from Dan Jamison about the work we are doing in David Douglas. Kelly Devlin has been selected as one

of thirteen teachers who will serve on the Distinguished Leadership Council, an advisory group for Chalkboard. Chair Mattson announced that former David Douglas student body president Katherine Westmoreland is doing an internship in Senator Jeff Merkley's office.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Chair Mattson declared the regular session adjourned.



Annette Mattson, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk

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