

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
July 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, July 16, 2009, 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:

Frieda Christopher, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Mike Price
Mike Centoni	Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta
Donn Gardner	

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 – Mr. Centoni reported that the final meeting of the board policy review subcommittee has been held. He said having this project completed and the new document adopted prior to the selection of the new superintendent will benefit the district. He remarked that he enjoyed working with Peggy Holstedt, OSBA's Associate Director of Board Development and Policy Services, who gave the subcommittee the benefit and value of her rich life experiences in education. Mr. Centoni encouraged board members to review the draft as it is forwarded to them, in particular the section on board responsibilities. Mr. Price welcomed Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta, saying he is looking forward to working with her. Mr. Gardner sat in on two of the board policy meetings. He thanked members of the subcommittee for their time and efforts. Chair Christopher attended a meeting of the 50th anniversary committee. The Educational Foundation will work all year long with the District in celebrating the 50th anniversary of David Douglas. A dinner celebration is being planned for April 24. She attended the Gateway urban renewal meeting last night, where she heard that the City of Portland has come up with a five year plan to increase employment by 10,000 jobs. The Gateway green bicycle park project was approved, and a benefactor will provide matching funds of \$1million. The District and Foundation will be represented at the East Portland Expo, which will be held July 24-26 at Ed Benedict Park.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel announced that the David Douglas High School Jazz Band has been selected to play at the leadership dinner during OSBA's conference in November, an appropriate choice as Ms. Mattson is OSBA board president. Natalie Osburn reported that Jim Bowe, head of the aquatics program, set a goal to get more members of the community to make use of the swimming pool. He came up with plan to have students enroll for summer sessions at their home school, adjusting the fees to reflect free and reduced lunch status. The response has been very positive, with enrollment at the first two sessions 83 and 92, and second and third sessions also nearly full. Parent surveys regarding the changes have been very positive. Superintendent Rommel said the District's School Messenger tool was used by Multnomah County School Health Services to notify families of available health services and insurance opportunities. The message was phoned to families in several languages. Brooke O'Neill reported that Summer School is up and running. 503 elementary students are participating at two sites; all three middle schools are providing sessions for an overall total of 237 students. Session I at the high school just concluded, with 282 students participating. Summer sessions are also focusing on

transition programs, including a pre-k component, support for fifth graders going into middle school, and a high school transition program for eighth graders. Ms. O'Neill said that Summer School principals are doing a great job, and she expressed appreciation to OSU for partnering with middle schools to provide a special nutrition unit, which includes the opportunity for students to do some healthy food preparation.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Member – Deputy Clerk Janice Essenberg administered the oath of office to newly elected board member Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta, who assumes Position #1. Donn Gardner, Dawn Barberis, and Annette Mattson were congratulated on their reelection to Positions 2, 3 and 6. Superintendent Rommel presented each with a Multnomah County Certificate of Election. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said she will put the best interests of the students first, and plans to listen to and learn from her fellow board members, as she cares very passionately about David Douglas. She noted that she is a DDHS grad from the Class of 1975. She thanked her son, Michael, and daughter, April, for attending her swearing in, and thanked Laurie and Matt Burk, both DDHS grads, for assisting with her campaign.

Election of Board Leadership for 2009-10 – Chair Christopher opened nominations for Board Chair for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Centoni nominated Dawn Barberis; Mr. Price moved nominations be closed. Ms. Barberis was elected in a unanimous vote. Nominations were opened for Vice Chair. Mr. Centoni nominated Donn Gardner as Vice Chair for the 2009-10 school year; Mr. Price moved nominations be closed. Mr. Gardner was elected in a unanimous vote. Ms. Christopher was thanked for her outstanding leadership as board chair for the 2008-09, and was presented with a plaque. Mr. Centoni expressing his thanks to Ms. Christopher for all of her work as a life-long supporter of this school district. He said he looks forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, which will demand board members' best efforts.

Superintendent's Evaluation – Board Chair Barberis introduced a report on the Superintendent's 2008-09 Evaluation. Former Chair Christopher reported that Superintendent Rommel has consistently met or exceeded expectations in all evaluation areas. Ms. Christopher made a motion to approve the evaluation document, seconded by Mr. Price. The evaluation was unanimously approved.

Report on Key Job Responsibilities for 2009-10 – Mr. Centoni suggested tabling this item until the next meeting, when Ms. Mattson would be available to join the discussion. The board's consensus was to keep this report on tonight's agenda. Superintendent Rommel presented lists of the essential responsibilities for technology support, after school coordinator programs, continued literacy efforts, support for homeless students, and parent involvement, and staff expected to oversee them next year, reflecting the changes which became necessary due to the shift of TOSA positions back to the classroom. Mr. Gardner expressed his hope that the goals of the positions which were shifted due to budget constraints not be lost in the transition.

Request for Additional Classroom Positions – After a thorough analysis of enrollment numbers and schedule requirements, Superintendent Rommel requested approval of a staffing increase of 2.0 FTE for Ron Russell Middle School. Enrollment is high there and an additional 1.0 FTE PE/Health teacher plus a .5 FTE Science and .5 FTE Math teacher will help keep class sizes in the high twenties rather than the low thirties. Also, Ron Russell will have two new classrooms of special education students which will need to be added to the PE schedule.

An additional 1.0 FTE ERC teacher was requested for Alice Ott Middle School. This position can be funded through IDEA grant funds. The caseload at Alice Ott has grown and is now equivalent to our other two middle schools, which each have three ERC teachers. Alice Ott currently has two teachers.

Mr. Centoni moved approval of the superintendent's request for staffing additions of 2.0 FTE at Ron Russell MS and 1.0 FTE at Alice Ott, seconded by Ms. Christopher. During discussion it was reiterated that the IDEA funding which makes the Alice Ott position possible might not exceed one year, at which time the position would require an alternate funding source or possible elimination. The staffing recommendations were approved as outlined, in a vote of 6-0.

Scheduling of Board Workshop – Chair Barberis opened discussion on selecting a date for an August Board Workshop. The consensus was to hold the workshop on Saturday, August 22. Board members were asked to clear the entire day, and to plan to begin at 8:30am in the Board Room. An agenda will be forthcoming. Suggested discussion topics included the superintendent search, budget and finance, and labor relations. Additional suggestions should be forwarded to the board chair or the superintendent.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Price. The Personnel Recommendation includes the hiring of Mr. Ken Richardson as Director of Human Resources. Mr. Gardner said he and the board leadership met Mr. Richardson and that his background will be a good fit for the district, as he was educated in East County and spent much of his career in this area. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried in a vote of 6-0.

- **Personnel Recommendation**
- **Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes**

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Chair Barberis requested that board members indicate their preference for subcommittee assignments prior to the August meeting. Mr. Centoni suggested forming a subcommittee on budget and finance. Ms. Christopher asked for a brief update on staffing. Mr. Stout said we are right on track, with no positions posted which will be difficult to fill. Mr. Centoni requested a copy of the minutes from the budget committee meeting, and asked about progress on locating a used vehicle for the Nutrition Services Department. Ms. Essenberg said Jodi Taylor has been searching, but has found that necessary modifications bring the cost of a used vehicle to the price of a new one. She'll gather a few more quotes before they make a recommendation.

Superintendent Rommel scheduled a social event for board members for Sunday, August 23, at the Rommel home.

Audience Participation – none

Adjournment – There being no other business, Board Chair Barberis announced that the Board would reconvene in Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(h) Litigation. She then declared the regular meeting adjourned.



Dawn Barberis, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk