

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
July 17, 2008**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, July 17, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. 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	Donn Gardner
Bruce Burton	Annette Mattson
Mike Centoni	Mike Price

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Deputy Superintendent; Janice Essenberg, Director of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk; Candace Wallace, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary; Natalie Osburn, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary; 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 – Former Board Chair Annette Mattson thanked Ms. Christopher for chairing the last meeting in her absence. Ms. Mattson attended OSBA's Board Retreat June 20-21, as well as a welcoming reception for new MHCC President John Sygielski on July 8. She took part in the first meeting of the Chalkboard Project Advisory Council on July 1. This weekend she will attend the Pacific Region NSBA Conference in Vancouver, WA. Mike Centoni welcomed members of the new board leadership and new administrative staff. Board Chair Christopher thanked the Board and administration for the flowers she received following surgery.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel announced that Christopher Stevens has been offered the position of Vice Principal at Floyd Light Middle School. He will attend the August board meeting for introductions. The superintendent was pleased to announce that long time bus driver Diane Brown has been selected Driver of the Year by the Oregon Pupil Transportation Association. This year's all staff back to school gathering will take place on Thursday, August 28 at 8:30am in the High School North Gym. David Douglas High School has been awarded a Smaller Learning Communities Grant in the amount of \$1.4 million over five years. Janice Essenberg announced a revision in the district's audit schedule. While the audit has taken place in August in the past, this year it will take place in mid-November, finishing in early December. Superintendent Rommel presented Annette Mattson with a plaque in appreciation for her service as Board Chair for 2007-08.

Summer Project Update – Janice Essenberg introduced Paul Arzt, who presented photos of progress on projects around the district. The football field is nearing completion. Work continues on the track. Progress on the Floyd Light Middle School projects was reviewed, as well as upgrades at North Powellhurst in preparation for incoming kindergarteners. The David Douglas Historical Society will relocate to South Powellhurst. The new football field will be dedicated on September 12 at the first home game of the season.

Terry Rommel reviewed plans for replacement of stadium concession stands, storage buildings and restrooms. Superintendent Rommel presented a suggested timeline to select a CMGC for that work. She received the Board's consensus approval to prepare proposals.

Janice Essenberg said that the construction committee is considering some additional guidelines for signage around the field to protect the district's investment in new field and track surfaces.

Board Retreat Agenda Discussion – Board Chair Christopher said the board leadership and the superintendent have discussed the agenda for the Board Retreat on August 2. Two key components they identified would be to look at board guidelines and new member orientation development to assist interested applicants for board positions, and to discuss the timeline for a superintendent search and community outreach to establish selection criteria. They envision opening the session up after lunch to compile a list of board workshop topics for 2008-09. The board chair asked for input for board members regarding other topics for discussion.

Mr. Gardner requested the board's consensus to direct the administration to have Mr. Arzt assess all facilities for feasibility of siting modular buildings. He said facilities concerns and classroom space have been an issue during bargaining discussions, and such an assessment would help the board be prepared for decision making following the September 30 enrollment report. He requested that the assessment include pricing on modular structures and a typical timeline. The board's consensus was to begin gathering facilities information as requested.

As part of the retreat discussion, Mr. Gardner suggested that the administration in the short term build a taskforce to include representation from staff, students, parents, community members and business leaders to come together to look at all of the options for managing increasing enrollment with regard to facilities, including scheduling options and anything else that impacts class size. He suggested they start in the fall with recommendations presented in May or June.

The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, beginning at 8:30am at the East Portland Community Center, Classroom #1. Margot Helphand will facilitate the meeting.

Resolution in Support of Restoration of Simple Majority Voting Requirement – Superintendent Rommel introduced this resolution for the board's consideration. The Oregon legislature is placing a measure on the ballot in November to return to a simple majority voting requirement for tax measures, rather than requiring a majority of the registered voters to vote before the election results are considered valid. OSBA has suggested that boards consider passing resolutions to support this initiative. Annette Mattson said that more than forty districts and a number of local governments are considering similar resolutions. The current requirement of a "double majority" effectively limits school districts to placing bond measures and local option measures before voters in November general elections. A simple majority would increase the possibility that a funding measure could be passed on other election dates through the year. It also recognizes that exercising your right to vote means actually voting, not just registering.

Board Chair Christopher opened the discussion. Mr. Centoni and Mr. Gardner expressed their opposition to the resolution, saying that even-numbered November elections are not an obstacle since turnout is generally high, and that the current safeguards prevent a minority from dictating to the majority. Mr. Burton said the board should go on record in support of this resolution, as we can't provide for our community when hamstrung by the double majority requirement. Ms. Annette moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Ms. Barberis. The resolution passed in a vote of 4-3 (in favor: Barberis, Burton, Christopher, Mattson; opposed: Centoni, Gardner, Price).

Audience Participation – Board Chair Christopher opened the meeting for public comment.

Jennifer Anderson, representing the David Douglas Softball Association, requested to be put on the August board meeting agenda in order to introduce their board, review their budget, and relay

concerns regarding distribution of registration flyers. Board Chair Christopher approved her request and said she would be contacted regarding the time of their presentation.

Approval of Board Meeting Calendar for 2008-09 – Mr. Burton made a motion to approve the 2008-09 Board Meeting Calendar as presented, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

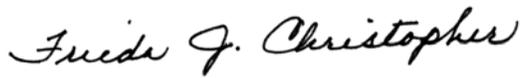
Board Committee Assignments for 2008-09 – Board Chair Christopher requested input from board members regarding desired committee assignments for 2008-09. She will present them in August.

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

- **Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to be the Authorized Representative to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2008-09 School Year**
- **Administrative Regulation – Related to Board Policy #5125 Homeless Students**
- **Administrative Regulation – Related to Board Policy #7100.1 Title I / Title III Parent Involvement**
- **Personnel Recommendations**
- **Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes**

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Superintendent Rommel presented a letter from the district's auditor which includes a questionnaire for board members. She requested that they respond if they have not already done so.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Board Chair Christopher 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.



Frieda Christopher, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk