

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
August 17, 2006**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the David Douglas School District Administration Building, located at 1500 SE 130, 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; Courtney Wilton, 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 – Mike Centoni commented that it is exciting to see construction of the new high school tennis courts underway. Frieda Christopher reported that Opportunity Gateway will host an open house on September 19 to gather input from the public on plans for economic development. The Educational Foundation will begin the school year with a potluck meeting on August 22.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel introduced Elise Guest, who has been selected as the new assistant principal at David Douglas High School. She has worked for Beaverton School District as a special education teacher, served in the Peace Corps, and taught students with disabilities in southern Africa. Susan Summers reported that the district has hired 81 new teachers for next school year, with 16 positions pending. Forty classified positions have been filled. Barbara Kienle announced that 41 classified employees just completed a week-long paraprofessional training series. Another session will be scheduled for October. Mike Stout was very pleased with the work of the Positive Behavior Support teams as they described their preparation for the start of the school year at a recent work session. Some wonderful kick-off activities have been planned for students. High school registration for returning students was held this week, with 2,200 students participating. Courtney Wilton announced that a suspect has been arrested and police have identified another person of interest in a series of small fires which were set around West Powellhurst. Superintendent Rommel shared an article featuring high school teacher Erick Flores, which appeared in the Mt. Hood Community College fall catalog.

Summer Project Update – Mr. Wilton presented photos of major summer projects around the district. A new bus turnaround at Gilbert Heights is on track to be ready for the start of school. Other major work included new roofing at the high school, and residing of the Mill Park gym. The annual 'white glove' tour of district facilities will be held next Friday beginning at 7:00am. Board members were invited to attend all or part of the tour.

Selection of General Obligation Bond Debt Service Option – Mr. Wilton reviewed the two outstanding bond issues from 1993 and 2001. Next year's cost to taxpayers will be \$2.20 per thousand on those two issues, applied to assessed value, at an average cost of \$23 per month for homeowners. David Douglas School District has the lowest assessed valuation per student in Multnomah County. Mr. Wilton recapped items which will appear on the November ballot, and reviewed the factors affecting the cost of a bond. Those factors include the size of the issue, the bond interest rate, term of the issue, the type of repayment schedule, and possibly splitting the issue into two pieces. In looking ahead to passing a general obligation bond in November, he described debt service options and requested the board's decision in order to present accurate information about the cost of the bond to our taxpayers. Following discussion of four scenarios, Mr. Burton offered a motion to endorse Option #2, which would have a 20 year term and would defer the principle for the first year, reducing the cost to taxpayers over the first two years of repayment. The average cost per thousand over the life of the bond would be \$1.12 per thousand, or \$16 per month for the average homeowner. Ms. Barberis seconded the motion, which passed in a unanimous vote.

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Property – Architect Terry Rommel presented some options for development of the Deardorff site and discussed the advantages of adding an available 7.69 acre parcel directly north of the site to provide some flexibility with design and better utilization of the acreage. Adding the available parcel would require twice as much street development, but better entrance and egress. Mr. Rommel presented three difference concepts for development, illustrating how the additional property would expand the possibilities for building on the site. Bruce Burton made a motion to approve the purchase of property adjacent to the existing district holding on Deardorff Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Centoni, and carried in a unanimous vote of board members.

Resolution to Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price for High School Expansion – Blain Grover presented Skanska's budget estimate for the high school expansion project. Mr. Wilton said the original estimate for cost of design, fees, permits, construction and furniture has increased to \$7.3 million for the project. A big part of that cost is site work for the tennis courts. Volatility in the construction market, increased demand for materials, and speciality contractor availability also had impact on the cost revisions. Skanska's total includes a contingency of \$209,000. The value engineering efforts of the architect, Skanska, and the construction committee resulted in savings of approximately \$200,000. Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve a guaranteed maximum price of \$6.1 million for construction costs of the David Douglas High School expansion project, seconded by Mr. Burton. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0. The cost of the construction will come from the general fund.

Superintendent's 2006-07 Goals and Compensation – Board Chair Gardner thanked Ms. Mattson, Ms. Barberis, and Superintendent Rommel for their work on the draft of the new superintendent's evaluation document. If approved by the board, the superintendent's goals will ultimately appear in the appropriate section of the document. Superintendent Rommel suggested board members regard this evaluation form as being in draft for the first year, in order to make modifications as needed. The expectation would be that a majority vote would determine whether listed goals were met or not met. Any area the board determines not to have been met would include a written explanation. Chair Gardner said he sees the goals as the main area of the evaluation's focus from year to year. The superintendent presented a draft of her goals for 2006-07, noting that some point to initiatives already underway, including Positive Behavior Supports and high school visioning; other goals reflect items mentioned during the evaluation process or during the discussion of possible future visions for the district. The goals were organized under the three categories of the revised evaluation

document. Board Chair Gardner said it will be important that all board members have similar, clearly stated expectations and perspectives related to each of the goals. Bruce Burton moved approval of the superintendent's evaluation draft and goals for 2006-07 as presented, with a second from Dawn Barberis. The motion carried in a unanimous vote. Ms. Barberis made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Contract Committee's recommendation for the superintendent's compensation for 2006-07, which was seconded by Mr. Burton. A vote of 7-0 approved the committee's recommendations.

Board Subcommittee Assignments – Board Chair Gardner distributed subcommittee assignments for 2006-07.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Burton moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Centoni. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Superintendent Rommel requested that board members indicate which school open house events they plan to attend. Principals will make time available at each event for board members to address patrons on the bond issue. Administrators will notify the superintendent's office when other opportunities arise for board members to speak to groups of parents.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Board Chair Gardner announced that the board would reconvene in executive session immediately following the regular meeting, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(e) Property. He then declared the regular meeting adjourned.



Donn Gardner, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk

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