

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
August 18, 2011**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, August 18, 2011, 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; Natalie Osburn, Assistant Superintendent; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Student Body President's Report / Recognitions – none

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input – Mike and Paula Ewald, district patrons and parents of David Douglas graduates, donated \$500 in gift cards in honor of their children, for principals to assist students as they see fit. They presented \$200 to David Douglas High School, and \$100 each to Floyd Light Middle School, Menlo Park Elementary, and Ventura Park Elementary. They were thanked for their generosity and for their long-standing support for David Douglas students.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting reported that inservice activities for all district administrators have taken place this week, focusing on how best to engage all students, especially those students who are most at risk. Sadly, the district has had several student deaths this summer. The superintendent thanked Barbara Kienle and Linda Vancil for organizing a vigil last night at David Douglas High School, where more than 600 high schoolers remembered a fellow student.

Negotiations with both bargaining groups continue next week. Superintendent Grotting said the economy is not yet turning around, and revenues are down. The Administrator Group is in the third year in a row of a pay and benefits freeze. He said he hopes the other bargaining groups will consider that model in order to save jobs, as he expects another round of reductions in year #2 of the biennium. The superintendent announced that the district has expanded the Read 180 program beyond the middle schools to the high school level, as a major intervention strategy to assist students who are below grade level in reading. He said he believes the program will also assist our special education and ELL students. Seismic upgrades on Floyd Light and Alice Ott Middle School roofs will be completed before the start of the school year. The legislature's "Cool Schools" bill may provide opportunities to fund some improvements which would save energy and reduce costs. Security cameras for District Office and high school entrances will be operating by the start of school.

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

- Resolution Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2011-12 (Amended)
- Resolution to Revise Capital Reserve Fund Budget Appropriations for the Year 2011-12
- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Report – Holly Wolfe, the district's Resource Conservation Management Coordinator, reviewed efforts this past year in resource conservation. In her four years here, her work has included supporting school recycling efforts, classroom presentations, forming school green teams, and reviewing utility bills. She reported that a sustainability committee was formed to drive district-wide sustainability efforts. Discussion topics include supporting the progression of middle school recycling efforts to the high school level, including at athletic events, and reviewing heating set points across the district to develop some district-wide guidelines. They are also developing guidelines for small appliances, which she noted some area districts have eliminated completely from classrooms. The committee is discussing how best to promote this year's Energy Challenge. She reviewed the results of this year's challenge, which was held February through April, and which resulted in energy cost savings. Our custodians attended a one-day conference sponsored by Metro during Spring Break, which was offered free of charge and which presented good information as well as a good networking opportunity. Savings have been realized this past year through her review of utility bills for errors, reducing dumpster sizes, and use of utility timers in buildings on weekends. Gilbert Park's HVAC upgrade saved nearly \$8,000 on natural gas. Menlo Park's upgrade was recently completed and should also realize savings. Both were paid for through SB 1149, a win-win for the district. Single pass refrigeration units should result in water and energy savings. Ms. Wolfe concluded by reviewing energy use trends. Chair Mattson asked for information about using paper towels vs. hand dryers in terms of cost and efficiency. Ms. Wolfe said she will investigate that topic. Ms. Christopher asked whether the city's new recycling project is including the schools. Ms. Wolfe said Alice Ott, Menlo Park, and Fir Ridge are participating in a pilot project which includes an education component for students. She said that the effort hasn't penciled out as costing less so there hasn't been much buy-in from residential customers.

Revision of Board Policy EFA Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health – First Reading

Barbara Kienle introduced a report on the work of the district's wellness committee, a product of the Healthy Active Schools grant coordinated by Stephanie Manfre. The grant is allowing the district to proceed with projects related to wellness and physical activity. Ms. Manfre was hired in 2010 and will be here through March of 2012, due to these grant funds received from the CDC as part of the federal stimulus act. David Douglas is one of 26 funded partners through the grant along with seven other Multnomah County school districts. The grant is based on the fact that healthy kids are better prepared to learn. Studies show that physical activity enhances student concentration and improves classroom behavior.

Ms. Manfre said the district is enacting a wellness program to allow students to make healthy choices. She reviewed program objectives. Through a partnership with Upstream Public Health, hydration stations have been installed in several schools, refitting drinking fountains so students can fill water bottles. The Wellness Committee ran a drinking water promotion at Floyd Light, Ron Russell and the high school to create art, with the winning entries being featured on water bottles for students. Water stations are available at all elementary schools during meal times. Ms. Manfre said Nutrition Services Manager Jodi Taylor and her team have been a great support of this effort. "Farm to School" promotes local procurement, which Nutrition Services had already been doing, but helps expand and promote those efforts. Schools already had variety bars which make fresh fruit and vegetables available for students, but there will be further efforts to promote those healthy choices. Eight of our schools have gardens, which reinforce where food comes from for students. Members of the Wellness Committee are interested in using the school gardens as reading and learning labs. All of our schools are registered for the Healthier US Schools Challenge, which allows them to compete for recognition of their efforts.

When Board Policy EFA was adopted in 2006, it required formation of a district wellness committee, which brings together nutrition services, teachers, staff, parents, students, health professionals and other community members concerned with student wellness and health, to put policy into practice. Three representatives from the Wellness Committee were introduced. Keri Steed, who works for the district as an Occupational Therapist, reported on the positive correlation between activity and academics. Menlo Park parent Celeste Marshall said it is very important to her that the healthy lifestyle her family has adopted at home follows her children when they go to school. Ben Escalante, parent of two teenagers who have attended Menlo Park, Cherry Park, Floyd Light and the High School, serves as a member of the High School Site Team as well as the Wellness Committee. He expressed support for the proposed revision of policy and the supporting administrative regulation, which outlines the program specifics. He said this effort is a good opportunity for our community and our different ethnic groups to participate and provide input to wellness and health.

Ms. Kienle said Nutrition Services Manager Jodi Taylor has been a great asset to the Wellness Committee. She also thanked David Callaway and his team for their work on the hydration stations, and Holly Wolfe for her efforts. Ms. Kienle reviewed changes in the policy draft, which was presented for a first reading. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta thanked Ms. Kienle and Ms. Manfre for making their work on wellness an opportunity for parent involvement. Ms. Fagan noted mention of healthy fundraising efforts in the AR. She remarked that fundraising companies don't offer low cost options except cookie dough. Ms. Manfre said the Wellness Committee has some resources for booster clubs regarding fundraisers.

Approval of Administrative Regulation EFA-AR Wellness Program – Ms. Kienle presented an administrative regulation outlining the components of the nutritional education and wellness program. Mr. Gardner moved approval, seconded by Ms. Fagan. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

August 30 Board Workshop Discussion – Superintendent Grotting announced that the focus of the August 30 board workshop will be the potential school bond. He met with Operations Manager David Callaway and will have a list of potential bond projects related to maintenance of our facilities, along with project costs. The bond process and timeline will be reviewed, and survey options will be discussed. The session will be held in the Floyd Light Middle School library beginning at 6:00pm, and is open to the public.

High School Credit Threshold Requirements Discussion – This item was postponed to a future meeting.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – None

Board Member Reports – Shemia Fagan reported on eastside tours for East Multnomah County candidates held by Eastside Progress. She participated on a tour a week ago with Bob Stacey, Mary Nolan, and Lew Frederick. The "potholes and possibilities" tour around East Portland helps make candidates for office aware of some of the assets in this part of community as well as challenges in our area, such as unpaved streets. Chair Mattson said that in addition to the education her daughters received in David Douglas, they formed lifelong friendships from their school days. She said that all the girls in her daughter's wedding last Saturday were David Douglas grads. She thanked folks for their condolences on the passing of her father, saying she will miss the bargaining session and fall welcome back due to the memorial service. Mr. Gardner will make remarks to staff on behalf of the board. The chair presented board committee assignments for 2011-12.

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



Annette Mattson, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk

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