

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
August 20, 2009**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, August 20, 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:

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

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 – Frieda Christopher reported that she attended the inaugural East Portland Expo at Ed Benedict Park. The District and the Educational Foundation were represented at the event, which she said was not bad for a first try. Planning of the Gateway Green park is moving rapidly ahead. Central Gateway's street plan has been approved, between Stark and Pacific, the freeway and 102nd Avenue, with special focus on economic development. The Foundation is helping celebrate the District's 50th anniversary all year long. A dinner is set for April 24 at Persimmon. Commemorative pencils and pads with the anniversary logo will be given to staff at the back to school kick off. Fifteen notable DDHS graduates will be honored at the dinner. High school staff members will develop a portable display featuring collages from each decade, to share among the buildings in a traveling exhibit. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said she is glad to start her work as a board member. She plans to be active on the 50th anniversary committee. Mr. Centoni said he is excited to see preparations underway around the district for the start of school. He dropped by the high's schools registration day yesterday, held from 7am-7pm. Mr. Centoni presented Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta with two reference books as a welcome. Ms. Mattson shared highlights from NSBA's Pacific Regional Meeting, which was held in Anchorage, Alaska. She also attended the East Portland Expo, and SE 122nd Pilot Project events, which included its first meeting and open house on July 1, and followed up with two walk-around tours. She has applied to serve on the citizens working group. She noted that 122nd Avenue zoning from Holgate to Foster specifies more multi-family, high density development than the rest of the city, combined. She said it was great to see a diverse representation of our community at those meetings. The pilot project is an offshoot of the East Portland Action Plan. Ms. Mattson was pleased to be asked by ODE to serve on the "Race to the Top" committee, to make sure board member interests are represented during the application process.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel was pleased to introduce Mr. Ken Richardson, the District's new Director of Human Resources, who begins his work with us on Monday. Barbara Kienle reported that Multnomah County's school-based health clinic, now housed at Lincoln Park, will relocate to the high school campus in January. The county was awarded a grant which will allow purchase of a portable building in which to operate their clinic. The move will open up classroom space at Lincoln Park. Superintendent Rommel thanked Chair Barberis and Ms. Christopher for representing the District at the East Portland Expo, noting that the Foundation made \$250 selling donated fabric at the event. She also thanked Beverly Fischer and Linda Sill for their hard work, as well as the other staff members who took shifts at the District booth.

Mike Stout commented on an Oregonian article about recent vandalism at Earl Boyles Park. That vandalism, combined with other incidents at Earl Boyles and Ron Russell, resulted in a meeting with Portland Police this week. An action plan will be developed to help curb what is happening there. The District has requested additional patrols by the police and by Securitas Services. The district will also host a meeting inviting area residents and the neighborhood associations. Superintendent Rommel said that last spring the District was notified we were awarded a state mentor grant, although at that time there was no funding allocated to go with it. She has received word that \$175,000 has now been awarded for the new teacher mentor grant, which will fund two coordinators, one for elementary, and one for secondary. David Douglas was the only district newly awarded a grant for the first year of that program. The superintendent congratulated the Business Office for receiving a certificate for excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. Oregonlive.com is featuring the high school football program, including interviews with some of our varsity players. OSBA has asked for input on a date for the Fall Regional Dinner Meeting. The board's consensus was to recommend Tuesday, October 6.

Ms. Mattson said she heard that a recent fundraiser for the Campfire program raised \$22,000 for their work with David Douglas students. The superintendent confirmed that news, noting that two other after school programs were funded in partnership with Campfire and CHIF. A third program will now be possible through use of these funds along with dollars allocated from Portland Parks. Mr. Centoni remarked on the value of athletics and activities to the educational process. He noted that, while it is not the district's primary mission/focus, the football program will receive added attention as a result of having the #1 college recruit in the state and one of the top 10 in the nation. He said the district and the high school can be proud of this outstanding young person.

Summer Projects Update – Paul Arzt presented a slide show of projects underway around the district, including roof and HVAC replacement at District Office, ceiling replacement in the High School south kitchen, and the final phase of the high school stadium upgrade. The pool parking lot had additional landscaping added as part of the City's requirements due to the field construction. Deteriorated overflow gutters at the pool have been repaired. Lincoln Park is receiving a roof replacement as part of the regular replacement cycle, including seismic upgrades as necessary. Their multipurpose room received new siding. A partial roof replacement is being completed at Menlo Park, and tile abatement and window replacement of the south wing are wrapping up at Cherry Park. The final phase of tile replacement has been completed at Gilbert Park, and heat exchangers were replaced on gym furnaces at Gilbert Park and West Powellhurst. Handicapped door access installations are just getting started. Many other routine maintenance projects have been completed district-wide. A question was asked about the long-term durability of the repairs on the front steps at Alice Ott Middle School. Mr. Arzt will investigate.

Ms. Essenberg presented an itinerary for the white glove tour of district facilities which will take place on August 28. Mr. Centoni remarked that, as always, our maintenance staff does a great job, completing an amazing amount of work over the summer break.

Back-to-School Activities – Brooke O'Neill reviewed highlights of activities planned for staff over the next two weeks. Monday, August 24 kicks off Professional Development Week, which includes a new teacher induction course as part of the great support provided to our new staff members. The mentoring grant mentioned earlier will allow us to extend support to second year teachers as well. Back to School Week includes the New Teacher Luncheon on Monday, August 31, 11:15am in the District Office Courtyard Corridor, and the All Staff Meeting on Thursday morning beginning at 8:30am. Board members were invited to help welcome the staff back as they enter the stadium.

Mr. Stout reported that nineteen new teachers have been hired, with six openings at this time. One opening at Grade Six generated 250 responses.

Property Development in David Douglas – The superintendent announced that Ms. Mattson requested this agenda item to discuss SB 336 next steps. A list of permits issued for residential units during the last year was distributed by Mr. Stout. Our Board's resolution to participate in the SB 336 process was sent to the City along with our facilities plan, which the City later misplaced. Superintendent Rommel will be sending additional information about capacity in our buildings to go along with another copy of our facilities plan. The superintendent said the City will be developing a process to allow all of the school districts to have input, and it would be helpful to know what kind of criteria our board would like to have on the list. The superintendent noted that SB 336 allows districts to provide input, but not to block development by using lack of capacity as the rationale.

Ms. Mattson expressed her concerns regarding the high density zoning concentrated in our area. Ms. Christopher reported that the East Portland Action plan committee will be contacting individuals to serve on City committees to provide a voice from this area, as there is seldom a person from east of 82nd Avenue taking part in discussions about these issues. Mr. Stout reported that Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association Chair Mark White had planned to attend tonight's meeting to discuss what he has learned about development in his area. He will be invited back to share that information. Mr. Centoni suggested that the District subscribe to the Daily Journal of Commerce, another good source of information.

Superintendent's Goals 2009-10 – Superintendent Rommel said she reviewed the comments from her evaluation by the Board and developed goals to align with suggestions from each goal area. She asked board members for their input. Following discussion, there were two suggestions of additional wording under Goal Areas 1 and 3. Mr. Gardner moved approval of the Superintendent's Goals for 2009-10 as amended, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Retreat Agenda – Superintendent Rommel presented the agenda for Saturday's board retreat, scheduled for Saturday August 22, 8:30-4:00 in the Board Room.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

- **Approval of Alternative Education Programs**
- **Personnel Recommendations**
- **Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes**

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

OSEA Ch. 40 President Greg Becker asked for clarification about the services of the Multnomah County health clinic, wondering if it would be open to the public as well as to students. Ms. Kienle said it will offer identical services as the current clinic at Lincoln Park. He also asked if the ceiling replacement at the high school involved asbestos abatement. Mr. Arzt said it was not necessary as the tiles were fiberglass.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – A question was asked about the date planned for presentation of the AYP report. The superintendent said it would be scheduled after the data is finalized, which will be late September or early October. Board Chair Barberis presented committee assignments for 2009-10.

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



Dawn Barberis, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk

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