

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
August 21, 2008**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, August 21, 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; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Board Member Reports – Mike Centoni said he is really excited about the new administrative team, the facilities work being done at middle and high schools, and the technology improvements for staff and students. Annette Mattson attended an NSBA conference in Pittsburgh last weekend, with presidents and presidents-elect from state associations across the country. She received some excellent information at the conference, including a report on the positive financial impacts of quality preschool programs. Frieda Christopher has been selected to be on the implementation subcommittee of the East Portland Action Team.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel shared a letter she received from former David Douglas patron Arden Ballou. The SE Portland Relay for Life was held at Floyd Light Middle School in early August. Ms. Ballou thanked the district for use of the FLMS track for that event, saying it was a fabulous facility that accommodated all of their needs. The superintendent commended HR Director Susan Summers for organizing and producing a new employee handbook. Ms. Summers presented a brief staffing report, remarking that 74 new teachers have been hired to date. Principals are working hard to fill the few remaining positions. Natalie Osburn reported that the high school held early registration for students on August 14-15. More than 2,100 students (two-thirds of the students they expect this fall) took care of fees, physicals, and made any necessary adjustments in their schedules. Mike Stout presented an update on collective bargaining. Discussions have resulted in a number of article tentative agreements. The fifteenth bargaining session was held yesterday. At the end of the fourteenth session, the district team requested mediation. Both groups later agreed to have one more session without a mediator. At the conclusion of yesterday's session there was agreement to meet once more on September 2 without a mediator. It appears that Centennial and Parkrose have reached tentative agreements. Oregon Trail School District has already reached settlement. The superintendent thanked all concerned for their efforts.

Softball Association Presentation – Jennifer Anderson, registrar of the David Douglas Softball Association, introduced Rex Sofich, president. They shared information on their contributions to the Scots program, and reviewed board members and contact information. In 2007, the association spent \$1570.72 in maintenance on three Scots fields. In 2008, they spent about the same from registration fees. Board members contribute hours of sweat equity, manning the snack shack, helping out on the field, and performing preseason field prep. Registration has declined from 121 girls in 2006 to 60 registered in 2008. Board Chair Christopher relayed concerns of Lincoln Park neighbors about parking issues. She requested that the prior agreement regarding parking be

shared with new board members and that coaches be reminded to instruct parents to park in the Lincoln Park parking lot during practices and games, reiterating the requirement that easements be left open. Mike Stout suggested that Ms. Anderson and a Softball Association board member meet with Candy Wallace and Nancy Dickinson to set up and clarify the process to improve distribution of flyers. Board Chair Christopher asked whether there is a scholarship program for kids who can't afford registration fees. Ms. Anderson said that families who cannot afford the full fee are asked to pay for a player's insurance card, and the association provides the uniform without charge. Ms. Christopher suggested that she talk with a representative from the David Douglas Educational Foundation, which provides support grants to community groups as well as district groups. Bruce Burton said another avenue for assistance would be interaction with Portland Parks. They are currently improving the ball field behind Gilbert Heights to include portable toilets and a snack shack. David Douglas is a park-deficient area so they are active in making improvements in our area by responding to needs identified by the community. It would be beneficial to be on their mailing list. Ms. Anderson remarked that their group has lost storage from the North Powellhurst gym area. Mr. Stout suggested she speak with Staci Heath about new storage planned for softball equipment. Ms. Anderson requested building counts by gender to assist with January registration. Laura Brewer will send her that information. The Association was thanked for their dedication to students.

Facilities Project Update – Janice Essenberg presented an update on projects under way around the district. All projects are moving along quite well. Of greatest concern is the high school's south gym roof which may not be complete prior to the opening of school. Paul Arzt presented a slide show which featured the newly completed high school fields, improvements at Floyd Light Middle School, and construction at Ron Russell Middle School. The grounds around Floyd Light's new construction will be seeded within the next few weeks. Next week, the construction committee will look at proposals for Phase Two of the high school athletic field. They hope to have recommendations ready to present at the next board meeting.

Selection of Lighting Contractor – Janice Essenberg reported that plans are in place for Phase Three of district lighting improvements. The project cash flow analysis shows that the district should recoup all costs within two years. The construction committee reviewed five bids received for this work and recommends awarding the bid to Cochran, Inc., the company which did Phase Two and was the electrical sub for Ron Russell Middle School. The district has received good feedback from staff who interacted with them. Mr. Centoni made a motion to award the bid as per the construction committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Burton. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Superintendent's Evaluation and 2008-09 Goals – Board Chair Christopher reported that Superintendent Rommel met board expectations in all evaluation areas with very positive comments throughout. Mr. Burton moved approval of the Superintendent's Evaluation, seconded by Mr. Price. The evaluation was unanimously approved.

Superintendent Rommel presented goals for 2008-09, which were developed at the recent board retreat. She reviewed areas of focus under each major goal area. Goals under Instruction include continuing to review student performance data to further identify best practices for meeting needs of all students; researching the impact of poverty on student performance and participation in programs and activities; and developing recommendations for making a positive difference in student performance and participation. Under Management, goals include organizing a task force including community and staff representatives to review facility capacity and enrollment/program requirements; reviewing and updating board policies; and beginning outreach for community input related to an eventual superintendent search. A focus under Community Involvement will be increasing opportunities for community involvement in schools and at the district level; as well as

enhancing community outreach in tangible ways. Following a motion and second by Mr. Burton and Mr. Price, the Superintendent's Goals for 2008-09 were unanimously approved.

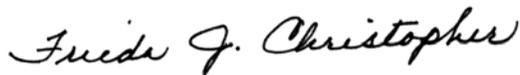
Consent Agenda – Mr. Centoni moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

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

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

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Mr. Burton noticed that the signs advertising for bus drivers had been taken down. He asked whether the Transportation Department is fully staffed. Ms. Essenberg said she met with Mr. Jacobson yesterday, who said he has eleven sub drivers at this point and is in good shape. Paul Arzt reported that signs are down for maintenance and will go back up shortly. New buses have arrived although license plates won't arrive until Monday. Ms. Mattson asked when the board will receive a report on adequate yearly progress under NCLB. Superintendent Rommel said that report will be presented at the September 18 meeting. Even though results have been published in the newspaper, the state is still finalizing data. Board Chair Christopher presented committee assignments for 2008-09 including a board policy review committee which hopes to complete their work this school year. The board chair requested input on the summary of expectations and the draft job description of a board member which were developed during the board retreat. Still would like to add more detailed information regarding time commitments and other relevant factors regarding service on the board.

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