

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
August 23, 2007**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, August 23, 2007, 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:

Annette Mattson, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Donn Gardner
Bruce Burton	Mike Price
Mike Centoni	

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Assistant Superintendent; Gary Haase, Interim 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 – Mr. Burton expressed his appreciation for the new flag and flagpole in the Board Room. Chair Mattson distributed materials from a recent meeting of the East Portland Chamber of Commerce, where Portland's basic transportation system and the cost of needed improvements were discussed by City Commissioner Sam Adams. She noted that five intersections on 122nd are among the worst in the city for accidents, which further emphasizes the value of our focus on safe transportation of students.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel reported that thanks to the efforts of MIS Manager Keith Seher, the district will receive approximately \$21,000 in E-Rate funds which we would not have received without his efforts. David Douglas School District received ASBO's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for fiscal year 2005-06. The superintendent congratulated Ann Marie Rears and the business office staff for their work. Donn Gardner noted with sadness the passing of Tom Satchell, retired teacher and coach, who served 30 years at Gilbert Middle School. Mr. Gardner recalled his first PE teacher with affection.

Facilities Project Update – Paul Arzt reviewed facilities projects undertaken this summer around the district and provided a status report on their completion. Board members expressed their appreciation to the maintenance and grounds crew for their continuing efforts to keep our facilities in excellent condition. Board members were invited to join the superintendent on the annual "white glove" tour tomorrow morning beginning at 7am.

Hiring and Staff Development Update – Susan Summers reported that Leah Hadley and Debora Speciale have joined the HR staff. 117 certified positions have been posted for 2007-08, with six of those yet to be filled. 34 classified positions have been posted, with 27 filled at this time. Administrators and board members will welcome nearly 60 new teachers at Monday's luncheon. Sherrie Barger reviewed professional development activities which took place during the month of August. A total of 1,028 staff members took part in sessions for teachers as well as classified staff including classroom assistants, secretaries, and custodians. The all-staff meeting to start the school year will begin at 8:30am, August 28 at Palermini Stadium.

Resolution Authorizing Participation in the OSBA Pension Bond Program – Gary Haase shared information on this program at the last board meeting, at which time the Board allocated \$1,000 for an actuarial study. Mr. Haase presented a resolution authorizing the district to participate in the OSBA Pension Bond Program. The current downturn in the market is actually a good thing in terms of getting a lower bond rate. He said that although there is an element of risk, he believes this is a prudent move as most years the return should be greater than the interest paid. The track record of districts who invested previously has been very good. We expect the actuary's report soon. If the Board approves the resolution tonight, there will still be one more opportunity to back out of this program after hearing from the actuarial. Approval of the resolution at this time will allow Carol Samuels from Seattle NW to prepare for a bond sale in October. Mr. Gardner moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Ms. Barberis. The motion passed in a vote of 5-1 (in favor – Barberis, Burton, Gardner, Mattson, Price; opposed – Centoni).

Board Committee Assignments – Chair Mattson present committee assignments for 2007-08. She noted that she accommodated as many preferences as she was able and appreciated everyone's flexibility.

Audience Participation / Break – Board Chair Mattson opened the meeting for public comment. There were no remarks from the audience. A brief recess was declared, after which the meeting was reconvened.

Technology Staffing – Mr. Stout requested the Board's approval of a new teacher-on-special-assignment position at 1FTE to assist with staff use of technology and technology purchases. A staff survey conducted in April indicated a need for more technology training. We had hoped that the position would be funded through a grant, but were recently informed that the grant application wasn't funded. The Technology Coordinator will be involved with demonstrating use of the new presentation stations that have been purchased for each building, as well as coordinating technology training, and working with implementation of curriculum mapping and parent access to web based information. Funding for this position would be taken from contingency. Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve establishing the new position of Technology Coordinator as a TOSA position at 1FTE, seconded by Mr. Gardner. A vote of 6-0 approved the motion.

Revision of Board Policy #5210 Student Rights and Responsibilities (First Reading) – Barbara Kienle reported on a new Oregon Administrative Rule which specifies that district board policy must specifically address the use of physical restraint and seclusion of students. She presented a revision of Policy #5210 for a first reading. Training will continue to be provided and additional guidelines will be published in the Student Services handbook.

Superintendent's Contract and Compensation – Mr. Burton addressed this item on behalf of the salary committee. He reviewed recommended housekeeping items in the contract which conform to specifics addressed earlier for other administrative staff, and noted the recommended addition of a provision providing for request of a post-retirement agreement. Regarding compensation, the committee recommended a 7% market adjustment in the superintendent's salary, reflecting review of east county superintendent compensation, plus a 3% cost of living adjustment. Mr. Gardner moved approval of the salary committee's recommendation for compensation and approval of the superintendent's 2007-2010 contract, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Resolution to Authorize an Emergency Expenditure for the Repair of Earl Boyles Elementary Roof Structure – Mr. Haase presented a resolution formally authorizing the repair of a portion the Earl Boyles roof that was authorized on an emergency basis a couple of weeks ago. Schommer and the roofing contractor are proceeding with the repair on a time and materials basis. Mr. Gardner so moved, seconded by Mr. Burton. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Centoni. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

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

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Chair Mattson announced that she would like to continue last year's format of using the second board meeting of the month in a workshop format.

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



Annette Mattson, Board Chair

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Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk