

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
September 6, 2007**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, September 6, 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	Frieda Christopher
Bruce Burton	Donn Gardner
Mike Centoni	Mike Price

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Assistant Superintendent; Gary Haase, Interim Director of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk; 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 said this is an exciting time of year, with school and activities beginning again. He complimented Mr. McCue on the 2007-08 Family Calendar. Frieda Christopher remarked that Kathy Ryan was interviewed on Channel 2 News this evening, and said Kathy looked remarkably well following surgery. Ms. Christopher was pleased to announce that former superintendent Howard Horner and his wife, Grace, have presented the Educational Foundation with a gift of \$20,000 to establish a perpetual scholarship. They have generously awarded an annual scholarship for many years, and wanted to be sure that tradition would continue. Opportunity Gateway is moving ahead with plans to create a local improvement district, which would make City funds and bridge loans available for improvements. Bruce Burton attended back to school events at Alice Ott and Ventura Park, where he found the atmosphere upbeat and the families enthusiastic. TAG is hosting an open house tonight.

Donn Gardner said he was gratified to see the number of parents and students out before the start of school to attend the Earl Boyles open house. He thanked American Legion Post #1 for their support of these events. He also attended the New Teacher Luncheon and the all-staff opening event. Mr. Gardner thanked the district custodial staff for all of their efforts in getting the buildings ready for the annual “white glove” tour. He said the buildings looked better than ever. Mike Price echoed those sentiments, saying he was very impressed by the work of our staff when he attended his first building inspection. He attended the all staff meeting as well. Board Chair Mattson said she looks forward to the all staff meeting each year, and to welcoming new staff at the new teacher luncheon. She shared information on development of a skate plaza at Ed Benedict Park on Powell Boulevard, and an article from the Clackamas Community College staff newsletter welcoming Courtney Wilton to his new position there. She also attended the Metro Housing Authority Advisory Committee meeting this afternoon, which featured an interesting discussion regarding equitable distribution of affordable housing.

Student Body President’s Report – The board chair introduced ASB President Stacy Chao. Fall activities are in full swing. Sophomores will host a welcome back dance following the football game this Friday vs. Aloha. The high school’s Back to School Night will take place on September 17. Auditions are under way for the fall musical, and a junior cheer camp will be hosted by the cheerleaders.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel reported that in addition to the report on Kathy Ryan, Channel 2 News featured footage of first day activity at Alice Ott Middle School during their back to school segment. The school zone in front of Menlo Park was featured in a traffic safety reminder. Work continues on the exposed pipes adjacent to the south campus building, and should be completed by Monday. Several of Maria Galati's calligraphy students were honored for their work at the State Fair. Their projects will be on display at a future board meeting. Mike Stout introduced Greg Lind, who is the District's new technology coach. Mr. Lind thanked the Board for the opportunity. Mr. Stout said that yesterday's dismissal at the high school was the smoothest he ever recalls seeing during the first week of school. The opening of school went very smoothly across the district. The superintendent commented on the absence tonight of Sherrie Barger, Director of Curriculum. Ms. Barger is completing certification to teach yoga at the women's correctional facility at Coffee Creek.

Preliminary Enrollment Report – Mr. Stout demonstrated the features of the new presentation station in the board room, which includes a ceiling-mounted Infocus projector, a large screen, two microphones, a DVD player and a document camera capable of projecting an image from a book or document onto the screen. Presentation stations have been installed in all of our schools. Dan McCue used the new technology to share a photo review of the opening week of school. Mr. Stout said the system will be used for the many training sessions which take place in the board room as well as presentations to the board.

Today's enrollment reflects an increase of 227 students from the same day last year. High numbers in kindergarten at Gilbert Park and Gilbert Heights are being eased by transporting students to Cherry Park and Ventura Park, where classes are smaller. Some fourth graders will also move from Gilbert Heights to Ventura to reduce classes that have been at 34-35 students. Sixth grade classes are averaging 33.3 students at Floyd Light, but there are no available classrooms to make adjustments. Numbers in sixth grade are high at Alice Ott and Ron Russell as well. Mr. Stout will continue to monitor class sizes daily to determine where adjustments are necessary. He will present a comprehensive enrollment report on October 4, which will include individual classroom numbers.

Revision of Board Policy #5210 Student Rights and Responsibilities (Second Reading) – Mr. Gardner moved approval of this policy revision, which complies with new State requirements. Following a second from Mr. Burton, the motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Discussion of Board Workshop Topics for 2007-08 – Board Chair Mattson presented a draft list of topics for board workshops which she compiled with the superintendent. She suggested an informal discussion regarding superintendent succession planning and criteria. She also suggested that a community group be formed now to begin planning for a bond in 2008. It was suggested that a discussion take place regarding facility use and development and whether to pursue a bond. Another suggested topic was discussion of recent legislative bills and their impacts, including the state medical insurance pool and the construction tax. A session will be scheduled to discuss upcoming bargaining. In conjunction with the discussion on facilities needs, Mr. Centoni requested information on the high school's IES program. Chair Mattson asked board members to rank the list in order of priority, 1-5, and add any topics they would like considered.

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

- **Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to be the Authorized Representative to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2007-08 School Year**

Consent Agenda (cont) –

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

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Mr. Gardner requested and received the Board’s consensus to have the district investigate the cost of making the central courtyards at Lincoln Park and Mill Park accessible per the Fire Marshall’s requirements. He said he believes staff and students would make excellent use of those spaces if they were made available. Gary Haase and Paul Arzt will report back on the costs at a future meeting.

Mr. Centoni asked whether new legislation will require changes in our record keeping procedures regarding executive sessions. The superintendent will review the requirements and respond on her findings.

Mr. Burton requested suggestions for study topics for CAC. Suggestions included studying the K-8 model as we look toward building a new school at some point in the future; school readiness and preschool preparation; and the topic of district-run charter schools.

Chair Mattson said the legislative session will be the main topic at the OSBA fall dinner meeting on October 9. She encouraged board members to attend. Mike Stout and Susan Summers plan to attend OSBA’s upcoming Collective Bargaining Workshop.

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

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



Annette Mattson, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk