

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
October 15, 2009**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, October 15, 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 – Mike Price attended this year’s first CAC meeting, saying that members are enthused about getting started and it should be a good year. Annette Mattson said the “Race to the Top” meetings have been very exciting and she finds this project a really interesting effort. Frieda Christopher reported on tonight’s meeting of the 50th anniversary committee. Seventeen “notables” have been selected, and planning for the dinner is continuing. Ms. Christopher shared information she received on a series of six meetings which will be held to solicit input on how federal resources should be spent for affordable housing. The first will be held at Floyd Light Middle School on Wednesday, October 21, 6:00-8:00pm. She also shared a request from Rose Community Development for information on district demographics to support a grant application they will be submitting. Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta commented on the OSBA Regional Dinner Meeting she attended on September 29, along with Chair Barberis and the superintendent. Annette Mattson chaired that event in her capacity as OSBA Board President, and Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said that she is proud Ms. Mattson has served in that role, and commended her for doing an excellent job. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta shared an *Oregonian* article about Earl Boyles teacher Deb McGowan, who recently won a wardrobe makeover from Jones New York. She said the article was good recognition, in a fun way, but agreed with the superintendent that Ms. McGowan looked just as nice in the “before” photo as in the “after”.

Student Body President’s Report – ASB President Nick Anderson reported on high school activities. The high school held an early release day yesterday in order for students in Grades 9-11 to take the PSAT. Seniors took the WorkKeys test put out by ACT. It tests English and Math in a more applied format. Homecoming Week starts next Monday. This year’s theme is “I ♥ the 80’s”. The week’s activities include daily dress up days, a medallion hunt with daily clues, a t-shirt sale, door decorating, two assemblies, and Friday night’s Spaghetti Dinner, followed by the football game against Sandy High School and the dance afterwards.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Rommel reported that in response to Janice Essenberg’s efforts in initiating this project, both the Dads’ Club and the Educational Foundation have donated AED units to the District. We have scheduled H1N1 flu vaccination clinics from 3:00-7:00pm on October 28 at our middle schools, and October 29 at the high school. These will be open to students, staff, and community members. The clinics may need to be rescheduled if H1N1 vaccine is not available.

Mike Stout is serving on the technical advisory committee for the 122nd Avenue Project. He has shared the District's concerns regarding infill development and the safety issue presented by the lack of sidewalks. He was pleased to announce that the City will be installing some sidewalks on SE Ramona as part of this project. A concern was raised about the project on 122nd and SE Ramona being approved without requiring any half street improvements. Ms. Christopher said the City has been waiving some of those requirements to encourage development. She noted that although we have thought we were to be involved in the permit process, we really need to provide our input at the planning meeting. Superintendent Rommel reported that at the last board meeting, we heard about the Autumn Moon festival held at Eastport Plaza. The car show which was a part of that event raised \$500 for Celtic Heart. Christy Ekroth, David Douglas High School Business Ed Teacher, has been named 2009 Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Oregon Business Education Association. Last year, High School ASB President Stephanie Lutz was the recipient of a "Beat the Odds" scholarship from Stand for Children. Another of our high school students, Rogelio Perez, has been awarded the same scholarship this year. The superintendent extended her congratulations to him.

Janice Essenberg presented a snapshot of General Fund revenue and expenditures for the first quarter. She also distributed a worksheet created by COSA for districts across the state to use to calculate the impact of potential reductions in funding if the state income tax measures are repealed by the voters. David Douglas would face a reduction in State School Funding of \$5,530,934. This figure represents 70 FTE in teaching positions, or 16.4 school days. Cost of a school day is calculated at \$337,047. The reduction would impact us in the second year of the biennium, 2010-11.

Superintendent Rommel circulated a flyer announcing several workshops regarding regional equity, sponsored by Metro. She will serve on the panel at the October 27th session to be held at PSU.

Approval of Executive Search Calendar and Brochure – Linda Borquist, OSBA Executive Search Consultant, presented a proposed Superintendent Search calendar for the Board's action, with key dates scheduled around our board meetings. She described her rationale for the proposed schedule, and briefly described the process. The applications are set to close on Jan. 20, 2010 and the selection scheduled to be announced March 15. This timeline will put us ahead of neighboring districts' search timelines. Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve the search calendar as presented, with a second from Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Borquist also presented a draft of the vacancy announcement and informational brochure for input. The vacancy will be posted tomorrow. OSBA will send out the notice to all Oregon districts, and will post the announcement on their website. The notice will also appear in national education publications, although the search will focus primarily on the Northwest. Interested candidates will contact OSBA to request the brochure. OSBA will also have a booth at the School Law Conference to share information confidentially with interested candidates. It was suggested that a better photo of the stadium facilities be featured, and that the district website address be included in the brochure. From the list of application materials, the request for "a one-page statement describing your special education experience" was changed to "a one-page statement describing your experience working with diverse student populations."

Future discussions will include training in the screening process, and determining what expenses, if any, the District would cover for out of area candidates.

Enrollment Report – Mike Stout presented highlights of the October Enrollment Report. As of October 1, district enrollment was 10,520. This total reflects an increase of 190 students (1.8%) from a year ago. Mr. Stout reviewed the data by school and by grade level, remarking that more

than half (58%) of Mill Park's student body qualifies for ESL services. From the first day of school to October 1, the enrollment increase has been more gradual than some years. Schools are noticing greater stability from last year to this year, with more of the same families returning. At the elementary level, there are 44 classrooms with enrollment under 25, topping out at two classrooms with 32 students. The largest percentage of classrooms have 27 or fewer students, an improvement compared to last year's class sizes. Middle and high school class size averages are very similar to last year. The Race / Ethnicity report has been broken down differently this year, reflecting new federal requirements.

Adoption of Revised Board Policy Manual and Mandated Administrative Guidelines –

Mr. Centoni presented a motion to approve the revised Board Policy Manual, and a list of administrative regulations which require Board adoption due to State or Federal requirements. Mr. Gardner thanked Chair Barberis, Mr. Centoni, Superintendent Rommel, and Deputy Superintendent Stout for their hours of work reviewing the revisions, saying the work was both necessary and timely as we begin our executive search. Mr. Price seconded the motion, which carried in a vote of 7-0.

In addition to the entire Board Policy Manual, the following Administrative Regulations were adopted:

EFAA – AR	Reimbursable School Meals and Milk Program
GBN/JBA – AR	Sexual Harassment
GBNA/JFCF – AR	Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing
IGAJ – AR	Traffic Safety Education
IGBA – AR	Students with Disabilities
IGBAB/JO – AR	Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities
IGBAE – AR	Participation in Regular Education Programs
IGBAF – AR	Individualized Education Program
IGBAG – AR	Procedural Safeguards
IGBAH – AR	Evaluation Procedures
IGBAI – AR	Private Schools
IGBAJ – AR	Special Education – Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
IGBAL – AR	Services for Home Schooled Students with Disabilities
IGBBA – AR	Identification – Talented and Gifted
IGBHA – AR	Alternative Education Programs
IGBHB – AR	Establishment of Alternative Education Programs
IGBHC – AR	Alternative Education Notification
JBA/GBN – AR	Sexual Harassment
JECBD – AR	Homeless Students
JFCF/GBNA – AR	Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing
JGAB – AR	Use of Restraint and Seclusion
JGDA/JGEA – AR	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
JHFE – AR	Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse
JO/IGBAB – AR	Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management
KAB – AR	Parental Rights

Audience Participation / Break – The Board Chair opened the meeting for public comment. As there were no remarks from the audience, she declared a brief recess. The meeting was reconvened.

Approval of OSBA Policy Service Contract – Superintendent Rommel presented a Board Policy services contract from OSBA for the Board’s consideration. If approved, OSBA would host our policy manual on their server and make modifications as directed by board action so policies are kept current. Their system would provide direct links to the ORS references and allow patrons to search policies by linking the old policy numbers to the newly adopted format. Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve a service contract with OSBA to include web-hosting, Manual Maintenance Services, and Policy Updates, for \$995 per year plus a \$600 set up fee, seconded by Ms. Mattson. The contract was approved in a vote of 7-0.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- **Approval of Eleventh Grade Students at Azbuka Academy**
- **Personnel Recommendation – Retirement of Deputy Superintendent Mike Stout**

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Ms. Christopher asked about the increase in outside placements noted in the budget update. Ms. Kienle said almost all costs were for students we placed in MESD programs for the neediest children. The noted costs were over and above Resolution dollars.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Board Chair Barberis 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.



Dawn Barberis, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk