

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
November 14, 2013**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, November 14, 2013, 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:

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| Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta, Board Chair | |
| Bryce Anderson | Christine Larsen |
| Frieda Christopher | Shannon Raybold |
| Donn Gardner | Kyle Riggs |

Also present were Don Grotting, Superintendent/Clerk; Ken Richardson, Assistant Superintendent; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Student Body President's Report / Recognitions – ASB President Kylan Carlson reported that a meeting of ASB officers from around the conference was held recently. It was a good opportunity to find out what activities other schools were planning. The high school has kicked off a winter canned food and sock drive. The Scots are competing against Centennial to see which school can collect the most canned food. The high school will host a presentation by Holocaust survivor and author Alter Wiener in February at the PAC.

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input –

- **Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report:** Mike Ewald reviewed the preliminary list of bond projects, highlighting those which have been completed. Rick Rainone said that more than \$2 million was saved during completion of 2013 projects. Even after keeping those costs down we were able to increase the scope of some projects including interior paint, new counters and exterior siding replacement at Menlo Park, and upgraded ADA restrooms at South Powellhurst.
- **MESD Accountability Report:** Superintendent Barbara Jorgenson and MESD Board Member Erica Thatcher presented a video highlighting the Alpha High School program which featured interviews with students. Superintendent Jorgenson thanked the board for allowing David Douglas students to be part of this program. Ms. Thatcher reviewed highlights of resolution, contracted and value-added services to David Douglas School District through our partnership with MESD. Superintendent Jorgenson reported that work is already underway on next year's service plan, which should be ready for review by participating districts earlier than in past years.
- **Audience Participation:** Mary Whitmore, Forest Grove resident, spoke in favor of Explicit Phonics over the Pearson program our district recently purchased, basing her preference on experience in her district as compared with charter schools using the phonics program. She invited the superintendent to visit a school using phonics to see the program in action.

Superintendent's Report – The superintendent reported that we had the tragic occurrence of a high school parent passing away at our swimming pool office. He thanked the administration, and the student on duty at the time, who took appropriate action and did his best to assist. The gentleman's wife visited the high school to express her appreciation for the efforts made on her husband's behalf. Mr. Grotting met today with folks being recommended to the board this evening for facilities planning. Further discussion will determine the scope of services to be contracted. The City of Portland and Multnomah County are interested in working with us as we develop the plan. Our buildings are at capacity and will be a subject for further discussion as we look at such information as growth forecasts, boundaries, traffic, parking, logistics, and building size. The district will invite staff, parents, patrons and members of the business community to participate. November 22 is the deadline to submit applications for budget committee vacancies. Local dignitaries have been invited to the Earl Boyles groundbreaking ceremony on December 5, 10am. As a follow-up to the meeting of faith-based leaders, Mr. Grotting met with Larry Whittlesey from School Partnership Network, an organization which works to team church volunteers with schools to leverage resources. Our own National Distinguished Principal Ericka Guynes was featured recently on OPB radio, as well as receiving recognition at a ceremony in Washington, DC.

Financial Report – Patt Komar announced that she will present a new financial report format at next week's board workshop. The annual financial report should be ready to go to print before Thanksgiving.

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

- Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of 2014-15 Budget Calendar
- Contract Award for Facility Master Planning Services
- Selection of Construction Managers / General Contractors
- Approval of Final GMP for Construction of Earl Boyles Early Childhood Center
- Increases in Early Childhood Special Education Specialized Services Contracts

Request for Additional Classrooms at Gilbert Park – Superintendent Grotting said that as we consider our need for classroom space, there is the possibility to add two additional classrooms beyond the scope of what was already planned for Gilbert Park. Cost for expansion of the project would need to come from the general fund, not bond proceeds. The board reviewed an illustration of the original project defined through the bond, and the proposed expansion of the project. Mr. Rainone reported that as replacement of two modular classrooms was being discussed, the school staff requested that they be attached to the rest of the building. As the design was developed it was recommended that the open corridor across the back of the building be enclosed for safety and function. It was also noted that there are no adequate restroom facilities near this addition. The proposed expansion of the project would include two additional classrooms and remodel of some of the existing space into restrooms. The project manager did a rough estimate showing costs covered by the bond and estimated that an additional cost of \$695,000-714,000 would be required from the general fund. Tonight's request is for \$700,000 from the general fund for this project. The City requires a conditional use process for the bond portion, so the district could achieve economy by submitting both at once. He said the team believes the project could be completed between the end of the school year and startup in September. The proposal has been presented to the bond

oversight committee for their information. Mr. Gardner made a motion to appropriate \$700,000 from the general fund to expand the Gilbert Park project as presented. Following a second from Ms. Raybold, the motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Recess – The board chair declared a brief recess in order for Ms. Komar to conduct a public hearing on the presentation of findings regarding proposed use of a CMGC process for selected 2014 construction projects at Gilbert Park Elementary. There were no remarks or questions from the audience. Following the hearing, the board chair reconvened the board meeting.

Approval of Findings and CMGC Process for Construction – Mr. Riggs made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

2012 Construction Project Bond Summary – This topic was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Review of Health Center Survey Results – Barbara Kienle introduced guests from Multnomah County Health Department, including Jill Daniels, Manager of School-Based Health Centers; Dr. Marty Grasmeder, Medical Director; Kristin Case, Nurse Practitioner Supervisor at the DD health center; and Tom Eby, Nursing Supervisor at the DD health center.

The group provided an overview of school-based health centers, the population they serve and services they provide. The David Douglas School-Based Health Center opened in 1995 at Lincoln Park, primarily serving K-5, then moved to the high school campus in 2010 to serve K-12. The DD Center is the busiest of the county's school-based centers, providing year-around service as well as a 24-7 advice line by phone. Staffing at the center includes a Spanish-speaking nurse practitioner. 40% of patients are uninsured, with another 47% having coverage under the Oregon Health Plan. No one is denied service. Current reproductive health services include education and counseling, STI diagnosis and treatment, and prescriptions for birth control which must be filled elsewhere (the only school-based health clinic where this happens). Dr. Grasmeder reviewed American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations for best practices in reproductive health.

Ms. Kienle reported that the board made the decision not to permit the County to dispense at the DD clinic when the clinic moved to the high school campus. The board asked for a survey of our parents prior to the board addressing the county's recent request to dispense. Results of the survey were reviewed. Results from high school parents favored dispensing condoms and filling birth control prescriptions, with the exception of our Russian community. On the question of whether their student has accessed services at the school-based health center, the Russian community indicated a strong no. Board members will consider this information before taking further action.

Upcoming Board Workshop on November 21, 6pm – Mr. Grotting distributed copies of the workshop agenda. Board members may contact him with any suggestions.

OSBA Election of Officers / Resolution – The board voted on nominated candidates for OSBA board vacancies. Following a motion from Mr. Riggs and a second from Mr. Gardner, they voted 7-0 in support of Kris Howatt for Board Position 18, Mary Lu Baetkey for LPC Position 17, Bruce McCain for LPC Position 18, and Kent Zook for LPC Position 19. Following a motion from Ms. Raybold and a second from Mr. Gardner, a unanimous vote approved OSBA's proposed resolution to amend the OSBA constitution to correct inconsistencies in election procedures.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Ms. Komar reported that a portion of the Teach Oregon grant is designated to fund a Grant Project Manager. We went out for RFP earlier but only received one response. A repeated RFP got three responses. Following a review of proposals, the

committee made the recommendation to hire Jennifer Roberts for a one year contract. Ms. Christopher so moved, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Board Member Reports – Mr. Riggs reported that “Suessical, the Musical” begins its run this weekend. He said the CMGC process went very well, and that the district has selected good firms for good projects. Mr. Riggs has been meeting with Ms. O’Neill and middle school administrators to review sixth grade curriculum materials on human sexuality to see how they meet new state requirements. He said some changes will have to be made, both to address state requirements and to address issues faced in our community. Ms. Raybold recently returned from an education conference in Nepal, where they discussed the same issues as those on the OSBA Conference agenda. Ms. Christopher reported that next fall’s Family Calendar will feature the district’s bond projects, in order for our parents to see how their tax dollars were spent. The Educational Foundation funds the calendar production. The Earl Boyles community campaign has been launched. Donors have the opportunity to memorialize a name on the tiles which will surround a commissioned mosaic. Each name will cost \$25. Donations to both the Earl Boyles capital campaign and the mosaic project can be made through the new DDEF website: ddeforkids.org. Ms. Christopher reported on the housing town hall hosted by EPAP on November 2. Participants included our local legislators as well as a representative from the Housing Bureau. Several other legislators were also in attendance in the audience. EPAP wants a commitment from the housing bureau to rehab existing housing rather than build more low-income multi-family units. Ms. Larsen reported that the district has received a charter school application, which will be reviewed by the charter committee on November 22. Mr. Gardner said he was very happy to have been included by telephone at the last board meeting, in order to listen in during the presentation of Mr. Grotting’s award as Oregon Superintendent of the Year. He thanked Chair Scarcelli Ancheta for facilitating. Mr. Anderson attended the CAC meeting on October 24, reporting that the Family Engagement Council has been incorporated as a subcommittee. He thanked Superintendent Grotting for his contributions to the district and congratulated him for his honor.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Chair Scarcelli Ancheta declared the meeting adjourned.



Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk