

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
December 12, 2013**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, December 12, 2013, at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the David Douglas School District Administration Building, located at 1500 SE 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97233.

School Board Members present were:

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 high school students have just finished their canned food drive, keeping pace with Centennial's effort in their friendly competition. Food items along with the warm socks David Douglas students collected will be distributed by the Celtic Heart. Next week will feature winter spirit days in anticipation of Winter Break.

Bob Davis, representatives from the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC), congratulated Oregon Elementary Principal of the Year Ericka Guynes.

**Visiting Delegations / Audience Input**

- Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report - Mike Ewald commented on the Earl Boyles groundbreaking, saying the district should bottle Ms. Guynes' ability to involve parents. He said the fifth grader who spoke at the ceremony was very impressive. Rick Rainone said that as 2013 comes to a close, much has been accomplished. Five projects have been completed and the bond's two largest projects are now under construction: the pool and the Earl Boyles Early Learning Center. He said the work of the EB Capital Campaign committee has been phenomenal. Elementary principals and physical education teachers easily came to consensus regarding standardizing the striping of gymnasium floors. The bond oversight committee remains involved and committed to this process.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Grotting reported that although it was really cold, the Earl Boyles groundbreaking was a great event. Governor Kitzhaber announced his candidacy for reelection at Earl Boyles on December 9. Today our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers received ELL training. Coordinator Kelly Devlin told the superintendent that although 22% of our current students receive ELL services, 43% of our students have been ELL students at one time or another. The superintendent said we can't think like the average district when serving our population. The University of Oregon's Jorie Ellis has been providing training to administrators on the new evaluation system. Brooke O'Neill reported that our second through fifth grade TAG students recently took the "Top Score in the Class" test along with 18,000 TAG students from 42 other states. 10 of our students scored in the top 10%, and 43 additional students were in the top 50% nationally. The College Possible program at the High School serves juniors who would be the first in their families

to enter college, supporting them academically and financially. The superintendent said that Ken Thrasher is responsible for bringing that program to us. Our students are also benefiting from the Equal Opportunity grant which allows us to offer advanced placement classes to more students. Principal and District Music Supervisor Cherie-Anne May reported that the district was approached by the Oregon Symphony to apply for a three-year grant. Symphony musicians would work with instrumental music students at Gilbert Heights, then follow them to Alice Ott and then the High School. The grant would culminate in a symphony concert at David Douglas High School. We should hear soon whether we will be awarded the grant.

**Auditor's Report** – The Board Chair welcomed Brett Rohde, Pauly, Rogers & Co. P.C., to review highlights of this year's audit. The auditor issued a clean, unqualified opinion with no reservations, and no exceptions requiring comment. The audit of federal programs was also a clean opinion. Mr. Rohde said the district provided a very comprehensive report and the business office was a pleasure to work with. He thanked Patt Komar, Bill Leidy, and Paul Rodeman. Ms. Komar introduced Mr. Leidy, Accounting Manager, and Mr. Rodeman, Financial Systems Analyst, saying that with many new staff members and a new accounting system, preparation of the comprehensive financial report was a real team effort. She also thanked the Human Resources Department for their assistance. Mr. Riggs made a motion to approve the Auditor's Report, seconded by Ms. Raybold. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

**Financial Report** – Ms. Komar presented a summary of capital project revenue and expenses as of November 30, 2013. She encouraged board feedback on the format of the new monthly financial report.

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

- Approval of November Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Amendment of Cornerstone Management Contract
- Approval of Contract for Facility Master Plan

**Naming of the Earl Boyles Courtyard** – Superintendent Grotting reported that the board has the authority to name district facilities to honor significant donors, per the guidelines determined by the board in 2012. He announced that Arlene Schnitzer has made a \$250,000 donation to the Earl Boyles project, and would like the courtyard named in her husband's memory. This is the largest gift to date by an individual donor. Mr. Grotting said the board can take action and name the courtyard immediately, or can choose to go through the 60-day public comment process. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve naming the courtyard play area the Harold Schnitzer Early Learning Courtyard without a 60-day waiting period, seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion passed in a vote of 7-0.

Superintendent Grotting said the past CEO of Precision Castparts had already made a donation, but is interested in making another large donation in memory of his wife, and may request naming an early learning center classroom for her. Any such request will be subject to approval by the board. Details regarding the gift and any naming request will be forthcoming.

**Resolution Authorizing Use of Earl Boyles Early Childhood Center as a Community Hub for Eight Years** – Superintendent Grotting reported that the board earlier approved reserving the EB Hub for community use for five years, per a request from Portland Development Commission. As a condition of a \$300,000 grant, Meyer Memorial Trust is requesting that the guarantee be extended to eight years. Mr. Grotting said he feels confident we can make this commitment. Mr. Gardner said that the district has had an outstanding response from many large donors, including individuals, foundations, and companies, as well as support from government entities. Ms. Christopher made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Ms. Raybold. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Request to Expand Reproductive Health Services at the School-Based Health Center** – Barbara Kienle reported that the Health Department's request to expand their services to include filling prescriptions and dispensing birth control first came to the board in January 2013. She said the board has been very thoughtful in its process, which included conducting a community survey and reviewing those results last month. Superintendent Grotting said the district has not received any subsequent contact or questions from parents since the survey. During the discussion, clarifying questions were directed to Jill Daniels, Director of Multnomah County School-Based Health Centers. Board members reviewed their concerns and factors which will be impacting their votes. Following the discussion, Ms. Christopher made a motion to approve the Health Department's request to dispense, seconded by Ms. Larsen. In favor: Christopher, Larsen, Raybold. Opposed: Anderson, Gardner, Riggs, Scarcelli Ancheta. The motion failed.

**Appointment of Budget Committee Members: Positions 2, 3, 5, and 7** – Chair Scarcelli Ancheta announced that the board received applications from five people for the four vacant positions on the district budget committee. They are, in alphabetical order: Mike Centoni, Krista Dennis, Mike Ewald, Aaron Pederson, and Michael Schuermyer. Mr. Centoni has since withdrawn his application.

Mr. Gardner nominated Mike Ewald for Budget Committee Position 2. There being no other nominations, Mr. Ewald was appointed in a unanimous vote. Ms. Larsen nominated Michael Schuermyer for Budget Committee Position 3. There being no other nominations, Mr. Schuermyer was appointed in a unanimous vote. Mr. Riggs nominated Krista Dennis for Budget Committee Position 5. There being no other nominations, Ms. Dennis was appointed in a unanimous vote. Ms. Christopher nominated Aaron Pederson for Budget Committee Position 7. There being no other nominations, Mr. Pederson was appointed in a unanimous vote.

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items –**

- Request for Approval to Increase Architect Contract – Ms. Komar reported that due to last month's decision by the board to add two extra classrooms for Gilbert Park, the architect's contract needs to be adjusted for the cost of detailed drawing for that addition. She requested the board's approval to increase the BBL Architects contract by no more than \$40,000 for this part of the project. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.
- Request for Approval of Purchase of Math Manipulatives – Brooke O'Neill said that to accompany the six-year math adoption, teachers have indicated an overwhelming need for K-5 classroom kits of manipulatives to support instruction. She requested the board's approval of a one-time purchase totaling \$89,813.91. Mr. Riggs so moved, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The request was approved in a vote of 7-0.

**Board Member Reports** – Mr. Anderson said he is looking forward to participating in mock interviews at the High School tomorrow. Mr. Gardner reported that there has been continued participation every month by the dedicated members of the bond oversight committee. He said Mr. Ewald is doing a great job leading that group, and he hopes they will continue their work through the end of the bond. Ms. Larsen attended the High School orchestra concert last night, which she said was excellent. She also took her Girl Scout troupe to a performance of “Suessical – the Musical”, which included a backstage tour afterward. Ms. Larsen said she would like to work with elementary principals to promote interest in Girl Scouts. Ms. Christopher attended the OSBA conference, during which Superintendent Grotting was honored as Oregon Superintendent of the Year, and saw a performance of “Suessical” with her granddaughter, who really enjoyed it. She attended the Earl Boyles groundbreaking, and said the EB Parents United group also attended the governor's presentation and had their photo taken with him. Last Night's Cover Oregon event had light turnout. They will look for other ways to reach out to our parents, 40% of whom do not have insurance. Ms. Raybold suggested that the EB Parents United group might spearhead information sharing about Cover Oregon. Ms. Christopher and Superintendent Grotting met with DDHS alumni Greg Lutje and Linda Morrell, who are enthused about raising funds and generating participation in DDEF. Ms. Morrell does international fundraising for Portland State University. Donations to the foundation, the Earl Boyles Early Childhood Center, or the EB art project can be made through the DDEF website: [ddeforkids.org](http://ddeforkids.org). Ms. Christopher thanked Mr. Ewald for his donation of \$100 to the EB project.

Mr. Riggs attended a concert by the Middle School Honor Band, and Jazz 1 and 2 at RRMS. He said the students were amazing and that the district's music program is fantastic. He said the board was acknowledged and thanked for making the program possible. Mr. Riggs hosted some folks from around the city at a performance of “Suessical” and they were very impressed by the production, the facilities, and the stage craft. He said he made drop-in visits to several of our schools and said the staff is working very hard and doing amazing work. He remarked that it is humbling to see the efforts they are making. Ms. Raybold said the Earl Boyles groundbreaking was wonderful and that she was proud to be there watching it happen, and thankful for the folks who are bringing this project to fruition. She said her son was thrilled that the event included dump trucks and golden shovels. She also attended Gilbert Park's bingo night, and took her six-year-old to “Suessical”. Ms. Raybold said it was her honor to participate today in mock interviews and to talk with high school students about their futures. Chair Scarcelli Ancheta remarked that the district has received a lot of good recognition lately. She said the spotlight is on Earl Boyles at the moment, as they hosted the groundbreaking and a presentation by the Governor. The Chair said the groundbreaking was a heartwarming event, and it will be even more heartwarming to see the program develop and see the results it will bring. She closed with a quote by Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

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



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Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta, Board Chair



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Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk