

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
January 15, 2015**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, January 15, 2015, 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:

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

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 Kyra Conway said she had the opportunity today to meet students visiting the United States from the Central American Youth Association (CAYA). Student Council members provided tours and students visited a 6th period class. The leukemia fundraiser and class competition has had strong support. The winning class will receive an all-you-can-eat meal provided by The Olive Garden. Winter Sports are off to a strong start. The Boys Varsity Basketball team has a 12-1 record. Wrestling and swim teams are also having successful seasons, with the girls swim team currently undefeated. Cheerleaders took second place in competition last weekend. The initial pool of twelve Rose Festival candidates has been selected. Interviews will be held next month to determine the four finalists. Kyra will have the honor of serving as the MC for the Rose Festival assembly. State Senator Michael Dembrow has arranged to visit David Douglas High School for a tour in the near future.

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input - Superintendent Grotting introduced AOMS Vice Principal Duane Larson, who has been named Oregon Vice Principal of the Year by the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators. He said Mr. Larson is a worthy recipient of the honor, and is doing outstanding work for our students. Mr. Grotting also introduced Susan Olds, who has joined the West Powellhurst staff as principal. Director of Elementary Education Candy Wallace said that staff at Gilbert Heights and Gilbert Park were sad to lose her as their Student Support Specialist, but West Powellhurst staff were glad to welcome her, and she will do an excellent job in her new assignment. The superintendent announced that January is School Board Recognition Month. He thanked board members for their service and their dedication to the students and staff of David Douglas School District.

- Former David Douglas Librarians – Deb Wheelbarger, Teacher at Fir Ridge, thanked board members for their visits to her building and her classroom. She, Gilbert Park Teacher Jana Daley, and Earl Boyles Teacher Jen DiFrances, are all former certified David Douglas librarians who lost their positions due to budget cuts in 2011. Each attested to the value of certified librarians in boosting test scores and creating lifelong learners and lifelong readers. They advocated for restoring certified librarians to the district program. DDEA President Bob Gray sent a video message extending his support.
- Heidi Wilson – Speech Assistant in the Early Childhood Program, presented a donation to the David Douglas Educational Foundation from OSEA Chapter 40, in honor of School Board Appreciation Month, thanking the board for their leadership and service.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting announced that he will host a meeting of faith-based leaders and our administrators on February 11, 9:00-9:30am in the board room. Board members were invited to attend. As David Douglas is very diverse, we are making sure to invite representatives of all faiths. The Division 22 Standards Assurances Report is on tonight's agenda. The superintendent said the district is meeting all standards requirements except hours of instruction at the high school. He has convened a group of high school teachers, division chairs, union representatives, and administrators to discuss how best to increase instructional time. Issues impacting instructional time include our 7.5 hour work day for certificated staff, and Wednesday late starts for professional development. We do have a current waiver of this requirement from the state. Superintendent Grotting said he attended basketball games and wrestling matches, where he found a great atmosphere at both. He and other area superintendents have been communicating that the Governor's proposed budget of \$6.9 billion for K-12 education would be devastating. He is working with others to advocate for additional funding, saying we need \$7.5 billion to maintain our current programs, and \$7.8 billion in order to restore some of we have lost. He has been meeting with legislators and inviting them to visit our classrooms. The superintendent said there is the possibility that the corporate and personal kicker will return several million dollars back to folks in tax refunds, but it is important to remember that those funds were destined for education. He said we probably won't know our final funding number until late April or early May.

Financial Report – Patt Komar reviewed this month's financial report. Second period ADM numbers are trending higher than last year's. Our special education count is about 60 lower, but costs are impacted by greater needs. The district has received approval on approximately \$625,000 in energy projects completed last summer. Just under \$2.6 million has been received toward the Early Childhood Center Capital Campaign goal of \$3.5 million. Another \$250,000 in pledges and stocks brings the total to about \$2.8 million. Chair Christopher said the capital campaign committee continues working hard to reach their goal. Superintendent Grotting announced that the ODE facilities grant application window opened today. Cornerstone has finished the application for the district. They will submit requests on the aquatic center, additional classrooms at Earl Boyles, and the two additional classrooms at Gilbert Park.

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

- Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Approve Contract for Multnomah County Community Health Services
- Approval of Selection of Auditors
- Approval of Initial CMGC Contract Amount for Halsey Building Renovations
- Approval of Amendment to Cornerstone Management Contract
- Approval of Imagine Learning Contract
- Approval of Additional Lease Space for MECF

Division 22 Standards Assurances Report – Curriculum Director Brooke O'Neill said that an annual report to the board on Division 22 Standards is a state requirement. ODE has changed its reporting model. This year the district is required to report on five of the 55 standards within Division 22, although we are required to continue to meet all of the standards. We are in compliance will all except instructional hours at the high school level. The high school currently has a subcommittee working on how to increase instructional hours. A portion of the report shows that 56.4% of our seniors are enrolled in a full day of school. Some students have amassed all credits necessary to graduate and are choosing early release in order to work. Superintendent Grotting said that any

student who has not passed the Smarter Balanced Assessment, or who is not on track to graduate, does not have the option to attend less than full time. Mr. Riggs made a motion to receive the Division 22 annual report, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Open Enrollment Recommendations for 2015-16 – Deputy Superintendent Richardson reported that each year the board must consider whether we'll participate in Open Enrollment, and if so, the number of slots we'll make available to nonresident students. He recommended that we participate this spring, and open 55 slots at elementary, 30 at middle school, and 107 at the high school, for a total of 192 slots. Further recommendations included not accepting kindergarten students under Open Enrollment, except siblings of students currently enrolled with us, and not accepting Open Enrollment students to Fir Ridge. We will give priority to nonresident students who currently attend David Douglas schools, and their siblings. Mr. Gardner moved approval as outlined, seconded by Ms. Raybold. The recommendations were approved in a vote of 7-0.

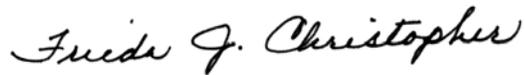
Resolution to Approve Purchase of Gateway Elks Property – Superintendent Grotting reported that our buildings are at capacity, and the district is projected to grow by 3,000 students in next twenty years. The facilities planning task force recommended locating and purchasing available property in order to address the need for additional classrooms and school facilities. The Gateway Elks reached out to the district and offered their facility for sale due to their declining membership. The district entered into negotiation to purchase their property for a future educational facility. The superintendent said the district owns the Deardorff property, which has been determined not to be well suited to an elementary school, and the board is planning to sell that property to partially offset the cost of the Elks parcel. Mr. Gardner moved approval of the purchase resolution, seconded by Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Ms. Komar presented a resolution authorizing amendment to the 2014-15 budget, to address the Elks property purchase and intent to sell the Deardorff parcel. Mr. Riggs moved approval, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Reports – Ms. Raybold reported that she attended Gilbert Park's PTA meeting, where students did presentations of reflections on the theme "The world would be a better place if..." The PTA had a very successful fall fundraiser and Supper with Santa. Ms. Raybold volunteered at the Giving Tree event, where more than 50 families "shopped" donated gifts, and the food pantry was generously stocked. She said it was a wonderful event. Mr. Anderson said he attended a JV basketball game last week, where he said a good team is coming up. He and Mr. Riggs arranged for a donation from the LDS Bishop's Storehouse to the Gilbert Park food pantry, where about a dozen families were provided turkey dinners. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said she hoped everyone got some rest over winter break. She attended the high school's STEAM breakfast, saying it was good to make connections with the business community. The guests took tours of the high school campus as part of that event. Superintendent Grotting said we are working to strengthen relationships with businesses, as we look at expanding vocational and technology opportunities for our students. The event also allowed the high school to gather information about what our facilities should look like, in order to mirror the workplace. High school staff will provide an update at a future board meeting. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta attended a 40th high school reunion committee meeting, saying the group wants to raise some money to make an impact from the Class of 1975. She said she hopes the basketball team continues its successful season. Mr. Riggs reported that the high school drama department found success at their district competition. He expressed his appreciation for the well-

rounded opportunities provided to our students. Chair Christopher said she will have the honor of speaking at a statewide forum next month on the advocacy efforts of the EPAP housing subcommittee for good quality housing in East Portland.

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



Frieda Christopher, Board Chair

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Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk