

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
February 12, 2015**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, February 12, 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		

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 – ASB President Kyra Conway reported on the Scots Sparrow fundraiser. Their goal is to raise \$3,000 to benefit an 8 year old child needing a liver transplant. Student Council seniors participated in Community 101 again this year, choosing community nonprofits to receive grant funds. Two in-house nonprofits, Celtic Heart and Scots Sparrow, were selected for grants, along with a number of other area organizations. Members of the Portland Business Alliance were taken on a tour of the high school today.

Recognition of Special Volunteers – Beverly Fischer presented an annual report on the David Douglas Educational Foundation. She introduced Foundation board members Suzie Albin, Jo Carney, Krista Dennis, and Frieda Christopher, noting that they are one of very few foundations with an entirely volunteer board. She reviewed scholarships and grants as well as programs supported by the Foundation.

Superintendent Grotting said he wanted to recognize Ms. Fischer as one of the special folks who have made significant contributions to David Douglas over the years. He said in addition to her work as one of the founding members of the Educational Foundation, she has served as PTA president at Cherry Park, Floyd Light, and the high school; as a volunteer coordinator for many years at Cherry Park; as a member of the district coordinating council; the district budget committee; the all Night Party Committee; assisted on many bond and tax base campaigns; and started the first district clothes closet in her home. She has served as president of the Foundation for ten years, and has made a difference in the lives of our students for many more. On behalf of the board, our staff and students, he thanked Ms. Fischer for her years of generous service.

Superintendent Grotting also recognized Mike and Paula Ewald for their many years of service to the students of David Douglas. He noted that the Ewalds have filmed all of the football games, home and away, for many years. Mike has served on the Citizens Advisory Council since 2000; has been president of the high school Dads Club; served as an Eagle Scout mentor; and currently serves on the District Budget Committee as well as the Bond Advisory Committee. Both he and Paula have been active members of PTA, have assisted on bond campaigns, and have donated thousands of dollars to our schools. On behalf of the board, staff and students, he thanked them for all they have done for the David Douglas community.

Visiting Delegation – Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report

Mike Ewald reported that there is a busy year ahead, with good planning underway. He introduced Rick Rainone, who reported that 2014 projects are being closed out. Architects and design teams are doing a great job this year. All permits for 2015 projects have been submitted, and the City continues to be an amazing partner. Mr. Rainone said that as we prepared for the bid process, he had been concerned that fewer companies would bid due to the quantity of work in the marketplace. Thankfully that has not been a problem. Coordination is taking place to prepare school office staff for moves to other buildings during summer construction. Cherry Park will be the largest project. Mr. Rainone said he met with the Bond Oversight Committee on Monday. The group is in its third year and folks still remain active and engaged. Patt Komar and David Callaway were thanked for their work to keep things moving smoothly.

Audience – Mike Ewald asked two questions for future response: how we are addressing the measles outbreak; and how we will address legalization of marijuana with our staff and students.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting shared an article written by AOMS principal James Johnston which was published in *Principal Leadership*. The superintendent attended a meeting today in Salem advocating for school funding. A meeting of faith-based organizations and district administrators was held yesterday to discuss ways to partner in support of students. Ms. Raybold remarked that she was excited to see so many participants, and loved seeing the desire for engagement on both sides. She said it was a great forum for facilitating good conversations. Mr. Anderson also attended and said he thought it was a great meeting, and it was good to hear where the limits are, and where we can work together. Superintendent Grotting reported that one of our varsity basketball players was featured on KOIN TV as player of the week. Fir Ridge student Charles Jones represented our district very well in that interview. The Girls Swim Team has gone six years without losing a dual meet. District competition begins tomorrow. The State cheerleading competition will be held this weekend.

Financial Report – Patt Komar presented a summary of bond projects, showing the original budget, revisions over time, and the various funding sources used. More than \$45 million has been expended. Interest earnings on bond funds have been applied to bond projects. Mr. Gardner remarked that in years past, the district has hired additional help in maintenance and supervisory staff just to manage the bond. He said Patt Komar is not only managing the bond but all the financial needs of the district. David Callaway is also doing double duty with construction as well as all of the maintenance needs across the district. Mr. Gardner said he wanted folks to recognize that many staff members are doing a lot of extra work due to the bond.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Larsen made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

- Approval of January Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Adoption of MESD Programs and Services for 2015-16
- Replacement of 16' Large Area Mower
- Paper and Delivery Contract Award
- Approval of GMP for Cherry Park Renovations
- Approval of GMP for Mill Park Renovations
- Resolution Authorizing Amendment #3 to the 2014-15 School District Budget

Approval of 2015-16 School Calendar – Deputy Superintendent Ken Richardson presented the 2015-16 school calendar proposed for the board's approval. This draft was determined to work best around our construction schedule, and was distributed to staff for their information. Some other

districts are starting school the last week of August since Labor Day is late this year. This is not an option for us due to our summer construction schedule. Ms. Raybold moved that the 2015-16 school calendar be approved as presented, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Appointment of Budget Committee Members: Positions 2 and 7 – Mr. Gardner nominated Mike Centoni for another term in Position 2 on the Budget Committee. Frieda Christopher nominated Gary Dye for Position 7, saying he is a district parent who has an impressive resume and she is pleased to recommend him. A unanimous vote approved the two budget committee appointments.

Revision of Board Policy LBE – Public Charter Schools (First Reading) – Brooke O’Neill presented a recommended policy update regarding virtual charter schools. This is a first reading, with action to come in March.

High School Graduation Rates and STEM Report – Derek Edens reviewed graduation data from the state report, commenting that the four-year rate is looking at the freshman class of 2010-11, and the five-year rate follows the freshman class of 2009-10. The State has changed the calculation and now includes modified diplomas, of which there are about 20 this year. The completer rate data includes standard and modified diploma and GED. Mr. Edens reviewed the data by subgroup, noting that we are higher than the state average across the board. Principal John Bier said the subgroup data show an upward trend.

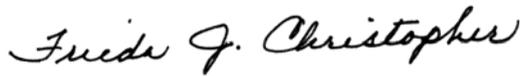
Along with Assistant Principal Linda Vancil, Mr. Bier presented information on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), saying the high school is bringing back career pathways with more intentionality. They are looking for clusters of classes that will earn students college credit, and which will link seamlessly to a program at a community college. The team’s initial work culminated with a business breakfast in December which was well received. Ms. Vancil said the high school team has visited other programs to see what folks are doing, including Portland Community College’s “makers space”, and has found that educational and business entities are interested in helping us. The team spent this morning visiting the North Clackamas Sabin-Schellenburg program, where all three of their high schools bus students to the elective programs housed in one location. Future visits will include Vancouver, Hillsboro, Beaverton and Sherwood schools. The goal is for teams to visit and take notes, then come back together to discuss what might work best here. They had their first meeting on Wednesday and spent time talking about those visits and visioning. Next year, the Natural Resources program is coming back by restructuring some science classes. There already is a healthy Business Management program (Scots Café). They’ll be bringing back an Intro to Restaurants & Hospitality class as the first course in a future culinary program. A Health Sciences strand will be articulating with MHCC. All courses will be eligible for college college credit. In trying to create more options for students, they are also looking at manufacturing and machinery. The Scots Auto program is very healthy and is already articulated with MHCC. The high school will be generating a monthly newsletter to keep business partners informed and to serve as a vehicle to spread STEM across all curricular areas. Ms. Vancil said that Eastern Oregon University is interested in articulating some courses. The team is comparing our course offerings with those being offered by EOU high school partners. Superintendent Grotting thanked Mr. Bier and Ms. Vancil for their report, remarking that these administrators are not only running a school of 3200 students, but they are working hard on these ideas and program development.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Mr. Riggs reported that he was asked by a parent whether a short text message could be imbedded when the district sends out an email message to parents. Derek Edens said we are working on that. Superintendent Grotting said that in the work of All Hands Raised, districts are looking at regional indicators, the same as being measured by ODE.

A recent publication reviewed where we are as a region, and whether there are ways to leverage resources. The board will hear a report From All Hands Raised at the next board meeting.

Board Member Reports – Ms. Larsen reported that she attended the CAC meeting, where one area of interest is restoring classroom instructional assistants. Other focus areas include transportation, lunch and recess times, and traffic congestion around buildings. Ms. Raybold said she visited Cherry Park this month, where she enjoyed seeing Principal Kate Barker’s rapport with students. Ms. Raybold observed ELD time in a third grade classroom, and was pleased to see language supports being used in content areas such as a math lesson. She also met some Cherry Park parents during her visit. She attended a town hall meeting with Reps. Fagan and Reardon, and participated in the third in a series of meetings discussing School Improvement Plans, where she said representatives from all of our buildings did some really hard, deep thinking and she liked the level of collaboration. She also attended the faith-based meeting yesterday, and went to the high school for a tour, where she was impressed by the poise of the student tour guides. Students reiterated their desire for more AP classes. Mr. Anderson attended the faith-based meeting, where there was a lot of interest expressed in volunteering regularly, or adopting a school or program. He suggested that our schools list opportunities for volunteer service on their websites. He noted that there are a lot of folks wanting to give their time, which should be matched with the district’s needs. Chair Christopher said she met with the City’s Office of Planning and Sustainability to discuss downzoning to minimize school population growth. She also presented at a forum on housing for a statewide group which was impressed with what’s happening in East Portland.

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



Frieda Christopher, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk

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