

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
May 7, 2015**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, May 7, 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 – ASB President Kyra Conway reported that more than 600 students attended this year's Prom, held at the Oregon Zoo. Community 101 grants were presented at a ceremony on May 1. A recognition assembly was held on Tuesday to honor the many students from various disciplines who have participated in state level competitions. The assembly featured the winning pantomime performance by state champions Ethan Archer and Amanda Schreiter. \$5,000 was raised in the Scots Sparrow campaign. Kyra was thanked for her service as ASB President. She will attend Washington State University, majoring in psychology.

Recognitions – Superintendent Grotting announced that from time to time we honor special volunteers who have contributed outstanding support to the district. Mr. Mike Centoni was honored for his 24 years of service on the school board, for his many volunteer hours at David Douglas High School, and for all the ways he has been a staunch supporter of this school district. Mr. Gardner said that Mr. Centoni has been involved in many areas, including the budget committee, construction committees, and facilities study groups, and is committed to the district and to his family. He congratulated his good friend. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said Mr. Centoni exemplifies a community leader as a solid parent and grandfather and has helped to keep David Douglas traditions alive. Superintendent Grotting remarked that when he came here five years ago, it was evident that Mr. Centoni was an advocate for staff, a great listener, asked critical questions, and was a great supporter of David Douglas. He presented him with a gift and the board's thanks. Mr. Centoni replied that he was flabbergasted and said this was a nice surprise. He said you don't do these things for recognition, you do it for the kids. Chair Christopher said we are always looking for folks who should be recognized, and would welcome hearing of other worthy candidates.

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input – Mike Ewald, district patron, reported that former David Douglas High School athlete Owa Odighizuwa was drafted to the NFL, to the Giants. He recommended adding written testimony to board member reports.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting introduced Director of Elementary Education Candy Wallace. She described the intense four hour interview process for principals, which included a traditional panel interview, evaluation of data and presentation of an action plan, giving feedback to a teacher after watching video of a lesson being taught, and a writing assignment. She said she was pleased to welcome and introduce Susan Olds, new West Powellhurst principal, who came to us from Gladstone, and who started with us as a Student Support Specialist at Gilbert Park and Gilbert

Heights. Susan has served as interim principal at West Powellhurst since January. Shane Bassett, a former David Douglas teacher currently working as an administrator for Reynolds, will become principal of Gilbert Heights. He will be introduced at a future meeting.

Superintendent Grotting announced that this week is Teacher Appreciation Week, a great opportunity to recognize our teachers for their dedication. Barbara Kienle has been honored by Trillium Family Services as a 2015 Mental Health Hero. Three districts, Portland Public, David Douglas and Centennial, were invited to present to City Club on our mission and vision. The superintendent said Brooke O'Neill did a fantastic job presenting, as did Fir Ridge Assistant Principal LaShawanta Spears, who was also on a panel and did a great job. Mr. Grotting said he had the privilege today to participate in mock interviews with high school students. He said he found that listening to their stories and hearing their aspirations were very moving. Fourteen different districts visited David Douglas schools to see our English Language Learners program in action. The superintendent said that Kelly Devlin is doing a great job supervising that program. Next Monday, US Department of Education will visit, as David Douglas has been named a laboratory district.

The superintendent reported that the PERS decision will have major impact on districts across the state. With 85% of our budget in staff, there will be no way to avoid impacting our students. The City has been holding public hearings on how to use a Parks budget surplus to support summer programs for youth. A friend of Bryce Anderson recently met with the superintendent to discuss the possibility of using technology to create a program that would allow service organization volunteers to access the needs of our schools. Superintendent Grotting has been asked to serve as liaison for Oregon Department of Education representing K-12 education.

Financial Report – Superintendent Grotting briefly reviewed Patt Komar's monthly report. He said he will emphasize being frugal next year, as the more we save, the better off we'll be the following year.

Consent Agenda – In response to a question asked about the recommended meal price increase, the superintendent reported that next year there will be no reduced price lunch, just free or fully paid. Three of our schools will be added as free meal sites next year due to poverty rates. The high school will offer free breakfast to all students next fall. Jodi Taylor will report on Nutrition Services at the June meeting. Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

- Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of Board Meeting Calendar for 2015-16
- Resolution to Appoint Budget Officer
- Resolution for Facsimile Signatures for US Bank
- Resolution Appointing Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Designating Depositories for School Funds for Fiscal Year 2015-16
- Resolution to Participate in the Local Government Investment Pool with Amounts Up To the Legal Limit Allowed by the Oregon State Treasury
- Resolution for Interfund Borrowing
- Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to be the Authorized Representative to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2015-16 School Year
- Resolution to Increase Meal Prices for the 2015-16 School Year
- Approval of Alternative Education Programs for 2015-16
- Contract Approval for Metropolitan Family Services

Warner Pacific Facility Request – Superintendent Grotting reported that the president of Warner Pacific College recently visited and asked if the district would consider renting some classroom

space for adult evening classes. He said we already partner with them on several educational opportunities, and they serve many East Portland students. It was the board's consensus to evaluate the possibility.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Two items were presented for the board's consideration:

- Resolution Authorizing Deed for Right of Way to City of Portland – Mr. Anderson moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.
- Cornerstone Construction Manager Contract Amendments – Mr. Riggs moved approval, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

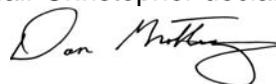
Chair Christopher reported that the June board meeting will take place in the board room as usual, but the July meeting will take place at Ron Russell Middle School due to construction. A report on the Special Education Report Card was requested as a future agenda item.

Board Member Reports – Ms. Raybold attended Patt Komar's Budget 101 presentation, which she said is always a good refresher and very helpful. She said she appreciates Ms. Komar's ability to help a lay person understand. Ms. Raybold visited Ventura Park's ELL classrooms with Kelly Devlin, where she found every student engaged, teachers being very creative, and great teaching happening in every classroom. She said the David Douglas service model is wonderful and that she was very impressed. ODE recently held a discussion at DDHS regarding the kindergarden assessment, a feedback session to review what is and isn't working the second time through. There will be future adjustments to make it a more useful tool. She said there needs to be better communication to parents, and better response to diversity and different languages, as the assessment is currently only offered in English and Spanish. This is something ODE is working on. Ms. Larsen attended the Floyd Light Middle School band concert last week. The band will march in the St. Johns parade on Saturday. The jazz band concert will be held next Thursday night. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta reported that she recently rode along on a bus run with OSEA President Becky Greer. She thanked Becky for her hospitality. She also expressed her appreciation to Mayor Hales for conducting a budget town hall meeting at Floyd Light Middle School. Unfortunately it was held the same night as our own budget meeting, so board members were unable to attend. Mr. Riggs said he has had very positive feedback from classified and certified staff and community members who have had interactions with Susan Olds. He said folks are excited that she'll continue at West Powellhurst. He said there has also been great enthusiasm for the selection of Shane Bassett for Gilbert Heights. Mr. Riggs said he has had great informal conversations with DDEA President Bob Gray. He said the evolution of perception of the certified staff over the past five years speaks to the bridges that have been built. He also met with Alexandra Lowell, Program Manager for School-Based Health Centers in Multnomah County, and County Commissioner Judy Shiprack, discussing not only the concerns that Multnomah County has about our health center, but other great follow up conversations. Chair Christopher reported that EPAP is working on tools to prevent displacement. There will be a public meeting this summer to learn about the issue and tools needed to address the problem. She said Earl Boyles recently lost six families due to rent increases.

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



Frieda Christopher, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk