

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
November 13, 2014**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 7:05pm 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:

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

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 – none**

**Visiting Delegations / Audience Input**

- Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report – Mike Ewald reported that the bond oversight committee has been visiting the schools where projects have occurred. He reviewed some of the projects that will be undertaken during Winter Break. He plans to share information on our bond projects with taxpayers by visiting parent meetings at our elementary schools. Superintendent Grotting presented a draft letter to be sent to our patrons describing the current bond projects, thanking them for their support, and identifying future needs.
- Mr. Ewald shared that the boys football team made it to the first round of the playoffs, and congratulated junior Kennedy Allen for her eighth place finish at the state cross country meet. The varsity boys soccer team made the quarterfinals. The superintendent thanked Mr. Ewald and his wife for 15 years of taking video at the football games.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Grotting announced that gifts were recently received by the district in honor of a graduate from the David Douglas High School Class of 1966. \$10,000 was donated to the Dad's Club, another \$10,000 to the high school wrestling team, and an additional \$66,000 donation was made to the district, which will be used to support the Early Childhood Center. The superintendent expressed the district's appreciation for this wonderful support. The high school's theater production opens this week. David Douglas School District was one of only eight districts in Oregon to meet all Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for second language students. Superintendent Grotting said this is a real tribute to our teachers, support staff, and students. On December 11, David Douglas High School will host a business breakfast to discuss STEAM and STEM, and how best to prepare our students for the work force. Board members are invited to attend.

**Financial Report** – Patt Komar recapped this month's report and any changes that would impact the District's operating budget. She noted an increase in General Fund revenue due to a dividend allocation from SAIF. Expenses have increased due to additional contracted services for students as well as hiring some additional staffing. During bargaining, some temporary assistants were converted to permanent status. Revenues and expenses for Halsey Center are part of the monthly report. The district is still negotiating with the final two tenants. The first floor will be vacant in

mid-December and demolition will begin soon. The Early Childhood Center Capital Fund received an anonymous donation of \$66,000. The auditors will report to the board at the December meeting.

**Consent Agenda** – Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

- Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes
- Cornerstone Management Group: Revised Amendments 33 & 34

**Annual Enrollment & Staffing Report** – Deputy Superintendent Ken Richardson reported that October 1 enrollment is 10,823. Although that number is up 88 students from same time last year, there are 85 pre-K students included in the total who are not state funded, so we're considering enrollment to be flat. An increase of 70 elementary students is offset by slight decreases at the middle and high school levels. District numbers have increased 1.5% over the past five years. Mr. Richardson reviewed student demographics and class size averages. The Elementary average is 28.1, lower than last year. Averages at 30 at middle school are trending down, as are high school averages, although music and PE remain in the 40s. Adding back staff has had a positive impact. Our diverse district is not reflected in Arthur Academy enrollment.

Staffing totals FTE 1263 this fall. Mr. Richardson reviewed teacher years of experience, education levels, and demographics. He said we would like to have our staff better represent the demographics of our students, and are discussing how to facilitate that. It's a challenge because the applicant pool isn't representative. We continue to have the goal to put the very best people before our students every day. 72 licensed staff members were hired this fall. 125 employees are David Douglas graduates.

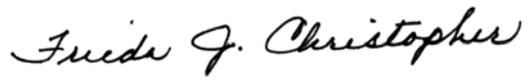
**Revision of Board Policy (First Readings): JHCD – Nonprescription Medication; JHCDA – Prescription Medication** – New legislation requires some changes to our existing policy. This is a first reading, with action to be taken in December.

**New Administrative Regulation (First Reading): JHCD/JHCDA-AR – Nonprescription/Prescription Medication** – Along with the language changes in policy, the state is requiring that the board adopt an accompanying Administrative Regulation. This is a first reading, with action to come in December.

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items** – Ms. Komar presented an increase to GMP for Earl Boyles Early Childhood Center and Renovations. Mr. Riggs moved approval, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

**Board Member Reports** – Ms. Larsen said she will be attending the OSBA conference this week. Ms. Raybold participated in a day-long meeting working on the Achievement Compact. She said she came away feeling proud and impressed with the work of the more than 40 building leaders committed to this effort. She said she was also impressed by the wide variety of supports and services for students, the district's leadership and the inclusion of so many stakeholders in this process. Chair Christopher reported that on behalf of DD Citizens for Schools, the foundation has invested their \$15,000 with Edward Jones and will oversee those dollars until such time as the committee is reactivated. The Earl Boyles Capital Campaign continues its work, and hopes to secure a \$100,000 grant from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund. Representatives recently completed a site visit and were very impressed with the facility and its mission. EPAP is continuing its work to get this area downzoned. It has helped to have Karen Fischer Gray sitting on the Planning and Sustainability task force as they are taking note of the problem. EPAP is also pointing out the inequities of the whole property tax system.

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



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Frieda Christopher, Board Chair

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Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk