

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
December 11, 2014**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 7:05pm 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 reported that the high school's canned food drive just ended, with more than 2,000 cans collected totaling more than 400 pounds. Mr. Bailey's class contributed 950 cans alone. A Winter Week assembly will be held tomorrow, featuring finalists for the Z-Man Talent Within competition sponsored by Portland Police and the kick off of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" campaign. Kyra shared a video which will be presented to students tomorrow to introduce "Pennies for Patients."

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input

- Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report - Mike Ewald said that 2014 was our busiest year of bond project work. Projects will continue into 2016. Rick Rainone reported that 2014 projects are nearly all closed out. He said the Oversight Committee has remained incredibly engaged since starting in 2012. 2015 will experience some cost increases as availability of labor tightens. As estimates show costs trending up, the district will want to get in front of as many projects as possible. We have some contingency saved from some of our past projects to carry forward into this next bid cycle. The biggest projects will be Phase III of the high school, Mill Park, and Cherry Park. Mr. Rainone expressed appreciation for the public/private partnership which resulted in the Early Childhood Center. He said it is an outstanding facility.
- Remarks from Multnomah County Commissioner Judy Shiprack – Commissioner Shiprack said she represents District 3, which includes David Douglas, and is midway through her second term in office. She thanked the board and administration for the remarkable and innovative work the district is doing, remarking that the County's mission and that of David Douglas are aligned, as both are concerned about the welfare of children and the health of our community. She said she recently received a 2012 teen birth data map showing that our community has the largest concentration of teen births and low weight births in Multnomah County. She noted that one of the greatest risk factors for later health impacts is low birth weight, and the County sees the downstream effect in multiple areas. Ms. Shiprack applauded the district's efforts to improve graduation rates and break the cycle of poverty, and offered her services and that of the Multnomah County board to assist in any way to help us move the dial for students and our community. She said she serves on the governing board of The Right Brain Initiative. With the district's excellent music/arts programs, she expressed hope that David Douglas would consider joining the initiative, which seeks to transform

learning for all children through the arts, creativity, innovation, and whole-brain thinking. She also requested that the district support the County's upcoming campaign regarding youth tobacco smoking, vaping, and the marketing effort to create young smokers. Board members thanked Commissioner Shiprack for her steadfast support of East County in her work.

- **MESD Accountability Report** – Superintendent Barbara Jorgensen reviewed the MESD 2013-14 annual report, sharing program highlights and recapping resolution, contracted and value-added services to David Douglas School District through our partnership with MESD. She reported that 74% of the MESD staff work directly with students. Superintendent Grotting noted that MESD provides our school nurses. Those services are paid with education dollars rather than health dollars. He said that Superintendent Jorgensen has been lobbying legislators to make a change in how we fund those services, and also to advocate for more nurses. Superintendent Jorgensen said the Superintendents Council is also working on a core system for dual credit courses for high schoolers, with the support of superintendents and institutions of higher education.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting thanked board members Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta and Bryce Anderson for attending today's Business Breakfast. Representatives of higher education and industry met with the high school staff and members of Cabinet to discuss STEAM and how to partner to meet the governor's 40-40-20 vision. Today was the final meeting of the Governor's Task Force on School Facilities. The next step will be presentation to the legislature of their proposal that the state provide matching funds of up to \$8million when a school district passes a bond. Many other states provide some kind of school facility funding. The superintendent recommended having a board member attend to testify to our facilities challenges. He remarked that while the Governor's proposed education budget is \$6.9 billion, we need at least \$7.5 billion to maintain our current status in programs and services. Superintendent Grotting was pleased to announce that Duane Larson, Alice Ott's Vice Principal, has been named Oregon's Vice Principal of the Year by COSA. David Douglas High School Assistant Principal Sharon Webster was the state's runner up.

Auditor's Report – Patt Komar welcomed Roy Rogers of Pauly, Rogers & Co. P.C. to review highlights of this year's audit. She also introduced Bill Leidy, Paul Rodeman, and Aaron Musk from the district's Business Office. 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. Rogers said the district provided a very comprehensive report and the business office was a pleasure to work with. He thanked Patt Komar and the Business Office team, saying the district is fortunate to have staff of this caliber. Mr. Riggs made a motion to approve the Auditor's Report, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta 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

Early Works Presentation – In introducing this report, Superintendent Grotting said the Early Works project would not have happened without the Children's Institute. From the capital campaign to programming and mentorship, they have been a vital partner in this project. He expressed his sincere thanks to them for helping David Douglas create a model for all of Oregon. Mr. Grotting said more than 90 entities have already made site visits, and all of the extra work cheerfully taken on by the Earl Boyles staff has been truly remarkable. Chair Christopher said she remembers when discussions with the Children's Institute began, and to see the project come to fruition this year has been just tremendous.

Principal Ericka Guynes thanked the board for their investment in early childhood. She introduced Dr. Marina Merrill, Senior Research & Policy Advisor for the Children's Institute. On December 17 at 3:30pm, Dr. Merrill will present Early Works school data to the Earl Boyles staff. Doug Wells, Chair of the Quality Education Commission and Children's Institute Chief Development & Financial Officer, thanked the district for their vision in partnering on this program, which he said is truly a learning laboratory for the state.

Dr. Merrill is working with Portland State University on the evaluation of this initiative, which is about reimagining education, connecting early years to the early grades, getting ready for school, and meeting pivotal third grade benchmarks. Early Works serves more than 90 children, capturing all eligible children in the Earl Boyles catchment area. Dr. Merrill reviewed components of the program, which is creating supports for early learning, providing access to health and community resources, and promoting family engagement at home and at school. The evaluation project is working to build evidence on how the system is working, which can be shared at the state and national levels. 2014-15 is year #4 of the evaluation, and the first year that we have a scaled preschool cohort. The evaluation's purpose is to inform continuous, ongoing program improvement, document lessons learned and identify systemic changes, and model best program practices. The data collection captures key components and outcomes across the spectrum. The evaluation team conducted interviews with school staff, parents, and more than 25 agency partners. They are looking at change over time, and how parents can support their children's learning. A community health assessment sought to determine greatest needs in terms of health and well-being and school readiness. Results indicated the need for more parent education and support, as well as the need for high quality early childhood programs, for stable, affordable and healthy housing, and for support in navigating the healthcare system. Neighborhood Center activities are being planned around those results. Key successes include building stronger parent leaders as family engagement continues to grow, and better alignment between preschool and the early grades. The governance structure is coming together with parent involvement at all levels. They are starting to see positive results in child outcome data, even at this early stage.

Ms. Guynes said the impacts of this program have been phenomenal and are changing our community. The work continues, as they are still seeing a family engagement gap, particularly among Hispanic families, in daily reading and confidence in supporting their children in school. She said they are targeting work to make impacts there. Superintendent Grotting said we want to create these opportunities everywhere for the kids who really need it. He thanked board members for their support, noting that the district's choice to have licensed teachers in this program was worth the additional cost.

Revision of Board Policy: Second Readings – Mr. Riggs moved approval of the following board policy revisions required by recent legislation, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- JHCD – Nonprescription Medication
- JHCDA – Prescription Medication

New Administrative Regulation: Second Reading – Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following Administrative Regulation, seconded by Ms. Raybold. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- JHCD/JHCDA-AR – Nonprescription/Prescription Medication

OSBA Election – Mr. Gardner made a motion to support Bobbie Regan for OSBA Board Position 17, Mary Lu Baetkey for Position 19, and all three of the resolutions proposed by the OSBA Board for adoption by member school boards. Seconded by Ms. Larsen, the motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Contract Approvals – Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta moved approval of the following contracts as presented, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion was approved in a vote of 7-0.

- Approval to Increase PT/SLP Contracts
- Construction Manager/General Contractor RFP 10.22.14.1 Awards
- Contract Approval for Dull Olsen & Weeks Architects – High School Phase III
- Pipe Replacement RFQ Award

Property Approvals – Superintendent Grotting reported that staff, community members and parents met to discuss facility planning as we look to the future. Student growth projections from the City indicate that enrollment will continue to increase. The district is currently over capacity at some levels, and among the outcomes of the facility planning sessions was the goal to reduce class size where possible. That goal could be met by adding classroom space to existing facilities, or by building a new school. Their recommendations were to do both, to add space and find space to construct new facilities. The district purchased the Deardorff property earlier as a potential school site. The superintendent said that piece is not best suited for a school due to transportation and access issues, as well as some wetland constraints. The superintendent recommended that the board market that property, take those funds and look at purchasing additional property for future growth. The board must declare the property to be surplus in order to list it for sale. The district has requested an appraisal which should be available in mid-January.

The following actions regarding property were presented to the board for consideration:

- Resolution Declaring the Deardorff Real Property No Longer Necessary for School Purposes and Approving Listing the Property for Sale – Mr. Gardner moved approval, seconded by Mr. Anderson. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.
- Approval to Build a Five Classroom Addition at Cherry Park Elementary School – Superintendent Grotting said that while we would like to reduce elementary class size, we do not have a single classroom available. Cherry Park is going through bond renovations and he recommended adding five classrooms to that project. The classrooms would allow us to bus students from buildings where enrollment exceeds capacity, and could provide space for a preschool component in the future. The Cherry Park renovation includes remodeling the building entry and reconfigures the office area to improve security. Ms. Scarcelli made a motion to approve adding five classrooms to Cherry Park, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0. Mr. Riggs requested a future report on what resources are needed to provide consistent education at a mega-elementary school.
- Approval to Purchase the Gateway Elks Club Property – Superintendent Grotting said very few pieces of property are available within district boundaries to accommodate school facilities. He said this property has been evaluated and he believes it would be a good investment for the district. The cost would be partially offset by sale of the Deardorff property. Chair Christopher recommended proceeding with the sale contingent on drafting a separate lease outside the purchase agreement to address board member concerns about items in the proposed contract. Ms. Larsen so moved, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0. Ms. Komar said she will bring the formal purchase resolution to the board for action next month.

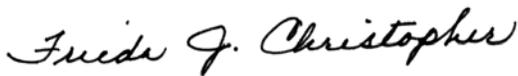
Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Ms. Komar presented two items for the board's action. Mr. Riggs moved approval of the following contracts as presented, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- Approval for Mechanical Work at David Douglas High School, Phase III
- Approval of SUN Community School Services for 2014-15

Chair Christopher requested the board's consideration of a request by the Division Midway Alliance for Community Improvement to provide a letter of support for their Regional Travel Options (RTO) grant application. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta so moved, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Board Member Reports – Ms. Larsen enjoyed the Floyd Light Middle School band concert on Tuesday. She also attended the OSBA Conference, which she found informative. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta agreed that the OSBA Conference was worthwhile. She remarked that the Troubadours performed this morning at the business breakfast and did a very good job. She wished everyone a happy holiday. Mr. Anderson attended the OSBA Conference, where he particularly enjoyed a performance on Saturday by the Happy Valley Grade School choir, saying it is always great to see kids excelling. He plans to visit some of David Douglas High School’s business classes after the first of the year. Vice Chair Riggs said he also had the opportunity to enjoy a concert recently, when he attended a Jazz Night performance by the high school jazz band and middle school all-star band. He remarked that he has been doing some personal evaluation of customer service in our schools, in addition to the district’s effort. He noted that Earl Boyles is not just special because of its special programs, but because of its exemplary staff. Ms. Raybold announced that Gilbert Park is doing an expanded Giving Tree this year. On Saturday, December 20th, families will have a five hour opportunity to “shop” and wrap donated items. Donations to this project are welcome. She reported that CAC is discussing the future of their committee, as membership has declined over the past few years. As they feel the committee provides valuable insight to the district, they plan to kick off a renewed effort to recruit members in January. Chair Christopher reported that EPAP’s education subcommittee will also continue its work, as local superintendents support their focus on community engagement. Superintendent Grotting applauded the efforts of Elaine Little, Becky Greer and OSEA chapters to connect East County schools with the First Book program, which provided 40,000 books to students free of charge. He noted that Ms. Little has also been nominated to participate in the district’s visioning and mission work. All board members are invited to the opening all-day session on December 17.

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



Frieda Christopher, Board Chair

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Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk