

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
August 14, 2014**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, August 14, 2014, 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

Visiting Delegations

- Mt. Hood Regulatory Commission Presentation – Rich Goheen, Grant Committee Chair, and Julie Omelchuck, Grant Director, Community Access Capital Grant, presented the district with a grant award check for \$939,923 to provide state of the art technology and other services to the Earl Boyles project, with the objective of helping every child reach reading proficiency by third grade. Superintendent Grotting thanked Mr. Goheen, Ms. Omelchuck, and the Commission, saying that the Earl Boyles is very fortunate to receive this support for a project we want to eventually replicate across the district. He announced that there will be a funder benefit and open house on September 18, where this and other donations will be recognized.
- Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report – Mike Ewald reported that the grand opening of the new aquatic center went very well. He reported that a woman who swam at the old pool for 40 years had the honor of doing the ribbon cutting. Rick Rainone said the construction teams are doing a great job. Much work has been undertaken, and early move-ins are taking place at Lincoln Park, Earl Boyles, Fir Ridge, Alice Ott and the High School. Work will go down to the wire at some other buildings but all is expected to be completed by the start of the school year. Finances are in good shape and planning is underway for 2015 projects.

Audience Participation

- Becky Greer, OSEA Chapter 40 President, presented an update on contract negotiations, reviewing areas of tentative agreement and expressing the Chapter's interest in gaining fair share.
- Heidi Wilson, classified staff member in the Early Childhood program, presented postcards in support of the classified bargaining team's efforts.
- Robert and Dana Estersohn, parents of a high school student, advocated for his acceptance as an inter-district transfer student from Canby School District.
- Melissa Watson, parent, also advocated for her student to remain at David Douglas High School when their move is completed to Canby this month.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting presented his goals for 2014-17, noting that they are consistent with those presented for 2013-16, with some additional goals addressing curriculum, facility planning and family and community engagement. He submitted them to the board for their review and any additional suggestions, and will bring them back for the board's action at the September meeting. He reported that the pool dedication was a great event, and invited members of the board and community to take a look at the beautiful facility. Administrator Inservice Week begins next Monday, with particular focus on student achievement, evaluation, and determining what training we can provide to help our staff be most effective in their efforts. He invited board members to help welcome 59 new teachers at the New Teacher Luncheon to be held Monday, August 18. Schedules for fall open house events and the annual 'white glove' tour were distributed. Mr. Grotting reported that the district will be hiring a facilitator to assist with developing a vision and mission. Board members will be encouraged to be part of that process.

Financial Report – Patt Komar presented an update for June as we close out last fiscal year. A few purchase orders remain pending. The projected ending fund balance for the General Fund is estimated to be \$12.7million, not including ERI balances. Technology Fund e-rate revenues are slightly lower than anticipated. The Grant Fund is showing a higher ending balance than expected, primarily due to prepayments for Early Childhood. Capital Projects Fund spending was higher than anticipated in June, as work was completed and billed earlier than expected.

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

- Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Resolution Authorizing Updated Construction Excise Tax Limits
- GMP Contract Approval Correction
- Approval of Sole Source Playworks

Recess – The chair declared a brief recess in order for Patt Komar to conduct a public hearing on Supplemental Budget Amendment #1 to the 2014-15 budget. Following the hearing, the regular meeting was reconvened.

Resolution Authorizing Amendment #1 to the 2014-15 Budget – Mr. Riggs made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Raybold. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0. This resolution adds \$1m to the Grants Fund due to the grant award presented by the Mt. Hood Regulatory Commission.

Contract Approvals – Ms. Komar presented contracts for the board's approval. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the following contracts as presented, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

- Columbia Regional Program – School-Age Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services
- Portland State University – Chalkboard Project's Teach Oregon Grant
- Top Echelon Contracting – addendum to existing contract providing physical and speech/language therapists

Inter-District Transfer Update – Deputy Superintendent Ken Richardson reviewed the inter-district transfer process per new legislation, and reported that the district has filled the board's approved 25 slots in and 25 slots out. He said that more families applied in both categories than we had openings and we have received many inquiries. Per the new law we cannot consider appeals or make

individual decisions on a case by case basis, but the board could choose to open up more slots. We don't currently have a waiting list, so with the board's approval, we would advertise on the district webpage, open up an application period, close, and conduct another lottery drawing. He recommended opening an additional 20 slots both in and out. Students denied in round one will be included in the round two lottery. The new application period will be August 15-20. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve openings for an additional 20 students in and additional 20 out, with priority given to siblings, and the five day application period. Mr. Larsen seconded the motion, which carried in a vote of 6-0.

White Glove Tour – Superintendent Grotting announced that this year's annual 'white glove' tour of district facilities will be held on Tuesday, September 2. Participating board members should meet at the district office at 8am.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Chair Christopher welcomed new Cabinet members Candy Wallace, Director of Elementary Education, and Kelly Devlin, Director of ESL and Equity.

Ms. Komar presented three items for the board's consideration under Other Business.

- Approval for Amendments to Cornerstone Management Services Contract
- Selection of CM/GC for Halsey Center Renovation – LGC Pence Construction
- Contract with Grow Portland – for community garden on Floyd Light Middle School property

Ms. Larsen moved approval of the three contracts as presented, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Board Member Reports – Ms. Raybold said she is thrilled that bond projects are coming in on time and on budget. Mr. Anderson reported that he toured the district's newly purchased Halsey Center property. He said it looks like a good investment for the district. Ms. Larsen remarked that Gateway has an improvement plan in the works to improve the streetscape. She said that Parkrose has a board member on that committee, and she thinks the David Douglas board should be represented. Mr. Riggs said he is very excited to attend open houses, the new teacher luncheon, and the white glove tour. He remarked that Ms. Wallace and Ms. Devlin are excellent appointments to the Cabinet. Chair Christopher has been participating on the district's team during classified negotiations and working with the Education Foundation developing ideas for a community event next year. She said that more than \$2million has been raised for the Earl Boyles project, with the fundraising goal nearly reached. The September 18 opening reception will include recognition of donors, naming some portions of the facility, and building tours. The new mural will also be in place. The program begins with an opportunity to observe students in their new early childhood classrooms from 3:00-3:30pm, followed by the formal program at 4:00pm, and tours beginning at 4:30pm. Ms. Christopher reported that 50 people attended EPAP's housing meeting, where city representatives heard that we have enough low income housing in our area, but not enough generally to meet the need. Ms. Larsen remarked that the district's website redesign is looking really good. Chair Christopher distributed board committee assignments for the 2014-15 school year.

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



Frieda Christopher, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk