

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
October 16, 2014**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, October 16, 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:

	Kyle Riggs, Board Vice Chair	
Bryce Anderson		Shannon Raybold
Donn Gardner		Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta
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 / Recognitions – Eva Wong, ASB First Vice President, reported that the Scots won their homecoming game, and 850 students attended the homecoming dance afterward. Yesterday, seniors participated in special activities while underclassmen took the PSAT. Next week the David Douglas student council will host the meeting of ASB officers from across the Mt. Hood Conference. The meeting will feature motivational speaker Richard Parkhouse. A canned food drive begins in November to benefit the SUN food pantry. The annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser will support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The top five city-wide winners from the Z-Man "Talent Within" competition will win scholarships.

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input

- Rep. Jessica Vega Pederson – a David Douglas resident, she congratulated the district for having two schools designated as Model Schools by ODE. She updated the board on areas of focus for the next legislative session, which she said will include the K-12 budget as well as statewide all day kindergarten. She said there are opportunities for students to be involved in Salem during the session. Those interested may contact her office. She welcomed comments and concerns from patrons and the board.
- Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report – Mike Ewald reported that he attended several open house events this fall, where he was pleased to speak about our completed bond projects. He introduced Rick Rainone, who said that in reviewing the 2014 budget, it looks like we'll be able to put money into program contingency for future work. \$250,000 in costs were saved during the Early Childhood Center project, which will help their fundraising effort. Planning is underway for 2015 projects. It will be more challenging to find contractors for this round of projects, as many are already booked as other districts begin bond work, putting pressure on the design phase and permitting to get to bidding underway as early as possible. The construction committee continues to be well informed and engaged. Mr. Rainone expressed his appreciation to Patt Komar and her staff for getting bond items paid promptly. Mr. Ewald said that the construction committee is compiling a list of completed projects in order to share the good things happening with the community, providing good groundwork for a future bond. Dan McCue is drafting a letter to district patrons thanking them for the bond work, telling what has been done, and describing future needs.
- Portland Police School Resource Officer Steve Morinville – Superintendent Grotting introduced Officer Morinville, saying he has been an amazing friend to the district and our students. Officer Morinville reviewed his responsibilities, noting that he is a regular police officer assigned to work with

schools to make connections with students. He has worked as a school resource officer for 16 years, 11 of those at David Douglas. Through budget reductions the school resource team has lost a third of its officers, but David Douglas High School continues to have two SROs assigned here. He said his long tenure here has been a huge advantage in building relationships with our students. He remarked that overcoming negative attitudes toward police can be a challenge as those attitudes come from the home, but being very visible in our schools helps counter those attitudes and presents police in a more positive context for students. He expressed appreciation to our administration, who he said provide consistent support across the district to our SROs.

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between David Douglas School District and OSEA Chapter 40: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017 – Deputy Superintendent Ken Richardson

reported that collective bargaining with OSEA Chapter 40 began last May and was a very collaborative process, ultimately concluding with a very solid contract. He said that the Classified leadership notified the district that their members overwhelmingly approved the agreement. Mr. Gardner moved the board's approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between David Douglas School District and OSEA Chapter 40 for the term of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017, seconded by Ms. Larsen. Ms. Larsen, a member of the bargaining team, said that during bargaining it became very clear to her that our classified staff really care about their jobs, how they do them, and how they work with our students. She said that our district is very well served by our classified staff. Mr. Gardner, also a member of the bargaining team, said that although this took a little while, through the whole process there were great opportunities for candid and open discussion. He said this is a good contract for our classified staff, who contribute so much to making this a good place for our kids to go to school and a good place to work. Superintendent Grotting remarked that it was evident that talks were about what's best for kids. He thanked the classified team, and thanked Hal Meyerdiere, OSEA's field representative, for representing the needs of David Douglas. Vice Chair Riggs said the board appreciates our classified staff and the work that they do. A vote of 6-0 approved the contract. Members of both teams signed the agreement.

Annual Enrollment and Staffing Report – This report was deferred to the November board meeting.

Audience Participation –

- Mike and Paula Ewald, district patrons – presented a cash donation to Principal Joy O'Renck for use as needed to benefit Fir Ridge students. This is the fourth year the couple have made donations to district students, previously benefitting Menlo Park Elementary, an active duty family from Ron Russell Middle School, and students across the district through a donation of gift cards to principals. Superintendent Grotting thanked Mr. and Mrs. Ewald, remarking that they are completing their 15th year of filming every football game, home and away. He thanked them for their dedication to the district and to our students.
- Elaine Little and Heidi Wilson, representing OSEA Chapter 40 – shared information on two literacy projects the union is sponsoring. "Adopt a School" is being offered through the AFLCIO and the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. A grant of \$1,100 is being provided to two districts in each state, David Douglas being one, and OSEA selected Mill Park as our recipient. The grant is being used to purchase books for the school through the nonprofit, First Books. Books can be designated for the library, for in-class lending libraries, or to give directly to students. The union is also participating with First Book on their "Books on Wheels" project, working with other area school districts to bring 40,000 books to East County. They presented the Cabinet with information on the project and later

talked with building principals and handed out materials for staff. Participating districts must be Title I or low income. When they reach the goal of 2,000 staff members signed up from across our area, each registered employee will receive twenty books to donate to schools. Ms. Little will confirm whether board members are eligible to register. The superintendent thanked them for their efforts.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting announced that the Yoobi Company has donated classroom kits with school and art supplies to every K-3 classroom. Director of Elementary Education Candy Wallace described the program. The company's cofounder came from Los Angeles and presented kits to Lincoln Park classrooms, where the gift was received with a lot of excitement from students. The superintendent shared a glowing article about Menlo Park Elementary which appeared online in the Huffington Post. The staff was honored with a "Dispelling the Myth" award. ODE has named Alice Ott Middle School and Menlo Park Elementary as Model Schools. The district has no focus or priority schools, a big tribute to our teachers, administrators, and classified support staff. The superintendent announced that he is nominating Sharon Webster for COSA's Assistant Principal of the Year. Mr. Grotting said he testified at the City's hearing on the comprehensive plan regarding not bringing any more high density housing into David Douglas. College Possible has awarded David Douglas a grant of \$300,000 to help our students. The Playworks program is underway at several of our schools, providing help with structured recess and professional development regarding movement activities for our students. Mill Park has been named an Imagine Learning Super School. Kelly Devlin, Director of ESL & Equity, reported that Imagine Learning is providing a pilot intervention program which targets English language learners with an adaptive computer program focused on reading and vocabulary. Mr. Richardson announced that the district improvement planning process begins tomorrow. Shannon Raybold will be the board liaison. The process will involve four all-day meetings of teachers, administrators and parents. Superintendent Grotting reported that he met with Portland City Club president Sam Adams to hear about the club's Civic Scholars program, which is designed to strengthen students' pathways to college and active citizenship. Twenty seniors will be selected from five area high schools, including David Douglas. They will receive City Club lifetime memberships, will attend meetings and be active participants in civic affairs discussions. The program will launch next semester. The superintendent drew the audiences' attention to the display of calligraphy in the board room featuring DDHS award winners from the state fair.

Financial Report – Director of Administrative Services Patt Komar reviewed this month's summary. The beginning balance for the general fund is about \$.5million higher than budgeted. Currently estimated revenues are higher than budgeted due to an expected increase in property tax collections. Assessed values have increased 3%. Energy project and excise tax funds will be spent down as we meld that funding with capital projects. \$10million from capital projects has been expended completing summer work. The Early Childhood Center has received just under \$2million, with an additional \$575,000 pledged. Fundraising remains around \$900,000 short of the original goal, but costs were reduced by \$250,000 so there will be less money to raise.

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

- Approval of September Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- IGA – Mutual Aid Omnibus Agreement – Emergency Assistance 2014-15

Recess – The vice chair declared a brief recess in order for Ms. Komar to conduct a public hearing on Presentation of Findings Regarding Proposed Use of CMGC Process for Construction at Cherry Park, Mill Park, and David Douglas High School (Phase Three). Following the hearing, the regular meeting was reconvened.

Approval of Findings and CMGC Process for Construction – Ms. Raybold made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Anderson. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Contract Approvals – Ms. Komar presented a list of contracts for approval. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the entire list, seconded by Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta. The motion carried unanimously.

- Paul L. Bentley Architect AIA PC – Mill Park Elementary
- Specialized Student Transportation – for Special Needs Students
- Trillium Family Services – Outpatient Mental Health Services
- BBL Architects – Cherry Park Elementary School Renovation
- BBL Architects – Cherry Park Elementary School Land Use and Classroom Addition
- Paul L. Bentley Architect AIA PC – Halsey Renovations

Achievement Compact Approval / Annual Academic Report – Derek Edens, Director of Assessment & Technology, presented the district's annual report on student achievement. His report included a review of student demographics, components of the state's accountability system and report card, and achievement data. Mr. Edens reviewed Oregon's school identification model, looking at achievement, growth, subgroup growth, graduation and subgroup graduation rates. He described weighting in overall rating and defined priority, focus and model schools. David Douglas had no focus or priority schools identified this year. Throughout Multnomah County, the only other district with no focus or priority schools was Riverdale, with more than \$1million in private income, 0% free/reduced lunch, and a very limited number of ESL students. Model schools are in the top 10% in the state. Menlo Park Elementary and Alice Ott Middle School were named Model Schools for the third year in a row, a huge accomplishment. Mr. Edens reviewed school and district ratings.

Director of Curriculum Brooke O'Neill reported that a team of administrators and teachers met on September 29 to review data and set new Achievement Compact targets. Targets were set as if we were using the OAKS assessment, as we transition to the Smarter Balanced assessment. The State will adjust for the change from one format to the other. The Achievement Compact was submitted on Wednesday to the Oregon Education Investment Board. The new assessment will require critical thinking skills and use of technology, and the standards are more rigorous. In the past we have been comparing our schools with other schools in Oregon. In the future, Oregon scores will be compared with other states using Smarter Balanced. Ms. O'Neill remarked that our targets are only as good as the work we do to reach those targets. The Achievement Compact identifies initiatives we want to implement deeply district-wide. Four focus areas to increase academic achievement for all students include a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) which encompasses RTI, PBIS, and attendance; Language (Systematic English Language Development and Constructing Meaning;) Educator Effectiveness; and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), which is a big focus at the state level right now. Superintendent Grotting said the district is putting together a group of teachers and administrators to look at our mission statement, facilitated by an OEA Uniserve representative. He encouraged interested board members to attend those meetings. Mr. Larsen made a motion to approve the Achievement Compact, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion was approved in a vote of 6-0.

Adoption of “My Future, My Choice” Health Curriculum – Ms. O’Neill recapped last month’s report regarding ODE’s Division 22 standards for human sexuality instruction, where the district is out of compliance at the middle school level. At that time she shared a proposed curriculum of ten lessons for board members to review, noting that this is the only curriculum endorsed by ODE and designed to align with those standards. Materials and training are provided to districts free of charge. The “My Future, My Choice” curriculum was developed for sixth grade and is designed to help students be informed decision makers. Ms. O’Neill proposed that we adopt the curriculum but move the instruction to eighth grade, as the district is permitted that flexibility. Superintendent Grotting said that parents will be able to opt their children out of individual lessons as they deem appropriate. Ms. Raybold made a motion to adopt the “My Future, My Choice” curriculum, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

School Bus Purchase Approval – Ms. Komar reviewed quotes received from three vendors each for purchase of large and small school buses, recommending that the district purchase one small and two large buses for replacement and expansion of our current fleet. She recommended approval of the low bid on the smaller vehicle, from Schetky NW, but the high bid for the larger two, as Schetky NW offered a product of better quality and their bid included seat belt-ready seats and met all other district specifications specified in the RFP. Mr. Gardner so moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

OSBA’s “Promise of Oregon” Campaign – Superintendent Grotting remarked that board members who attended the OSBA Regional Dinner Meeting heard about this campaign, designed to promote and present good things that are happening in public education. He said that OSBA wants to get the word out that we need funding in order to have resources and class sizes necessary to achieve good outcomes for students. The campaign was developed in conjunction with OSBA, COSA, OEA, OSEA, and other organizations in order to speak in one voice about the need for increased funding in Oregon. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Larsen. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Mr. Riggs requested advanced notice when Officer Morinville has a presentation scheduled for students, so board members have the opportunity to attend.

Board Member Reports – Ms. Raybold reported that she found the OSBA regional dinner meeting informative as the group learned about legislative priorities. She enjoyed the grand opening of the Richard Alexander Early Learning Center at Earl Boyles and said she is really proud of the district for making that project happen. She said the Ron Russell Middle School family fun night featured the powerful film “Finding Kind”, about positive interaction between girls. Mr. Anderson attended the Earl Boyles opening, saying it was a fantastic event and great to have the governor there. He also attended the fall district office staff breakfast where service awards were presented. Ms. Larsen said she found the OSBA dinner meeting very informative. She said “The Promise of Oregon” will be a good campaign. Junior Girl Scouts recently gave a presentation at Cherry Park describing their bronze award project of helping pack up the Gilbert Park library for renovations. Ms. Larsen said she attended the varsity soccer game against Central Catholic, where an instrumental version of the national anthem was played. She suggested that in addition to providing an opportunity to learn the words, the audience chatter might be eliminated if folks were singing along to a sung version. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta remarked that everywhere she goes, she gets a great reaction to David Douglas schools. Vice Chair Riggs agreed, saying that the many positive comments about the district, the bond projects, and the early learning center have been fantastic. He said he ran into a district

teacher in the Salt Lake airport who was returning from a conference. He said he had never experienced someone just leaving a seminar, and said the positive energy those opportunities generate is wonderful. He remarked that there is amazing value in those professional development opportunities.

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



Kyle Riggs, Board Vice Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk

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