

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
January 5, 2012**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, January 5, 2012, 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:

Annette Mattson, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Donn Gardner
Frieda Christopher	Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta
Shemia Fagan	

Also present were Don Grotting, Superintendent/Clerk; Natalie Osburn, 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 Vice President Katie Anderson reported that preparations are underway for the Winter Formal. Students are also preparing for semester finals. Auditions for the winter play are being held this week, and the Rose Festival selection process has begun. Winter sports have begun on a high note, with the Boys Basketball team ranked in the top ten statewide. They played in the Les Schwab Tournament during winter break. The Girls Basketball team is currently 7-0. On behalf of Student Council in honor of School Board Appreciation Month, Katie thanked board members for their service, their time and their support, and for having the best interest of students at heart.

Visiting Delegations –

- **Grant Check presentation by Oregon Sports Authority** – OSA Executive Director Drew Mahalic, Foundation President Rorie Leone, and Event Coordinator Molly Bailey presented the district with a check for \$10,000 as winner of the Healthy Youth Initiative Grant from among 24 applicants. These dollars will be used to support middle school sports opportunities for our students.
- **Report on Division Street Neighborhood Property Initiative** – Jean DeMaster, Human Solutions, and Lori Boisen, Midway Business Association, described this initiative. Sponsored by the Portland Development Commission, six areas of the city were proposed which could be recognized as “neighborhood prosperity areas”. Urban renewal areas are usually large, but the Division Street project would be a mini-urban renewal area targeting SE 119th - 126th and SE 141st - 148th on Division, and possibly SE 134th - 137th. The project seeks to increase business prosperity, strengthen family wage jobs for low income people, and provide greater access to services for residents, contributing to the vitality of neighborhood. Ms. DeMaster said PDC will provide training on building community groups, organizing in neighborhoods, and community fundraising. It was requested that one person from the board or representing the district as a staff member or parent be willing to be part of this training process. Some high school student leaders will be invited as well. Two public meetings will be held in the District Office Board room on January 23 and February 16, 6:00pm. Ms. DeMaster requested a letter of support from the school board. Chair Mattson thanked Human Solutions for writing the initial grant proposal. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said Human Solutions and the Midway Business Association have done an exceptional job in a short time frame. It was the Board's consensus to draft a letter of support from the board.

Audience Participation – Mike Ewald, district patron, shared a list of projects awarded funding by the East Portland Action Plan small grants committee, which distributed \$54,000 to 13 projects in our area. Three other proposals were forwarded to EPAP, which awarded \$14,500 in additional funding.

Jessica Pederson, district patron and parent, introduced herself and announced that she is running for State Representative for District 47. She said her campaign will focus on education, business development and social services.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting reported that he met today with Commissioner Nick Fish to discuss proposed budget cuts by the City and County, including reduction of some SUN school sites currently funded through Portland Parks. He and PPS Superintendent Carole Smith stressed to Commissioner Fish how important SUN programs are to our students. As this is School Board Appreciation Month, Mr. Grotting thanked each board member for the work they do, remarking that our seven members have more than 80 years of combined experience. He noted that this is one of the most challenging times for schools in many years with many tough decisions being made, and that he appreciates board members' time, their support and their service.

Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Barberis. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Multnomah Education Service District Accountability Report – Chair Mattson introduced Multnomah Education Service District Chief Program Officer Barbara Jorgensen and Board Member Harry Ainsworth, who reviewed MESD program highlights as well as resolution and purchased services provided to David Douglas. Ms. Jorgensen reviewed programs including the Education Success Center at Donald E. Long, which assists students in completing their high school education to graduation or a GED, and Project Launch, a federally funded grant to expand the 211 system to link families with social services in Multnomah County. The MESD is also a partner in the early childhood project at Earl Boyles. Through a state grant, MESD works with hospitalized children, providing teachers and instructional assistants working at bedside to keep students in touch with their schooling and classmates. The Cascade Technology Alliance is part of a shared services model between four ESDs, sharing their expertise with the end result providing more and improved opportunities for technology services at lower cost. She described sources of funding and how that revenue is allocated. She extended her thanks to the David Douglas staff members who work on advisory councils and thanked Superintendent Grotting for his collaborative work. The MESD Accountability Report and audit are posted in full on the MESD website.

MESD Board Member Harry Ainsworth reviewed services provided to David Douglas School District. 95 students received vaccines at an immunization clinic held on November 19. Through this collaborative effort, David Douglas had the lowest exclusion rate in the metro area. Planning continues for a birth to Grade 5 support model for Earl Boyles. MESD is pulling together a grant proposal which ties 211 to the Earl Boyles project. MESD tech staff are working with John May on Student Information System improvements. In David Douglas, 60% of MESD resources are spent on special education services. Mr. Ainsworth described resolution service dollars and fee for service contracts to purchase services, as well as services brought by MESD free of charge via state grant flow-through dollars for special education. A partnership with Kaiser Permanente provided \$27,000 in health insurance to uninsured students. The dental van program provided \$117,000 in services to David Douglas students. A total of \$1.7 million in services were provided through MESD's partnership with the district. A shared services program will allow districts to shop services and spend resolution dollars through other area Education Service Districts. A comparative website

for all five area ESDs allows districts to review services and costs, providing flexibility in accessing needed services. Board members were invited to consider serving on the MESD budget committee, as SB 250 requires 7 board members represent the districts they serve. Ms. Jorgensen and Mr. Ainsworth were thanked for their report.

Approval of Report on Utilization of School Year Sub-Account Funding Source per House Bill 5055 (2011) – Patt Komar presented a draft report to the legislature as a legal requirement. The letter describes how these funds are spent. Ms. Fagan moved approval of the report as drafted, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Revision of Board Policy JECB: Admission of Nonresident Students (First Reading) – Superintendent Grotting said this revision of board policy responds to HB 3681. The additional language gives the district the option of unilaterally admitting nonresident students by setting an annual quota for such admissions, and also gives the district the option not to participate. Dr. Osburn is reviewing enrollment capacity issues and how inter-district transfers have impacted us this year, and will present recommendations regarding participation at the February meeting. This is a first reading.

Determination of Bond Amount for January Survey – Superintendent Grotting reported that a community survey will be completed later this month, and the survey company requested guidance on the amount of a bond to survey. Following discussion, Mr. Gardner made a motion that survey questions be driven by a bond amount of \$40 million, which would reduce taxpayers property taxes by .20 per thousand of assessed value. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta seconded the motion, which passed in a vote of 6-0.

Scheduling Special Board Meeting for January 19, 2012 – Chair Mattson requested a motion to schedule a special board meeting for Thursday, January 19 at 7:00pm, with an executive session at 6:30 prior. Ms. Barberis so moved, seconded by Ms. Fagan. The motion passed in a vote of 6-0.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – none

Board Member Reports – Chair Mattson announced that Mr. Price was unable to attend this evening due to a business obligation out of state. Ms. Christopher reported that the most recent East Portland Action Plan meeting focused on developing strategies for presentation to the City Council and Multnomah County. Chair Mattson reported on discussions of the 122nd Avenue rezoning committee, which will be making recommendations for additional commercial property on 122nd. She suggested that patrons sign up on the school district Facebook site to keep abreast of district events.

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



Annette Mattson, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk