

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

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

Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta, Board Chair	
Bryce Anderson	Shannon Raybold
Frieda Christopher	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

Student Body President's Report / Recognitions – ASB President Kylan Carlson reported that eight student groups assisted the David Douglas Dads Club with Christmas tree recycling earlier this month. Preparations are underway for the Winter Formal, which will be held on February 1. Holocaust survivor and author Alter Wiener will speak to students on February 13, 9:30am in the PAC. A Father-Daughter dance is scheduled for February 26 at 6pm. Student Council is partnering with Glendoveer for community events, such as the screening of "The Polar Express" during winter break. Community 101 and Sparrow Club projects are under way. This year Student Council will select a local child to support. They are seeking prizes and financial support for this effort, which will run February through March.

Visiting Delegation –

- **Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report** - Mike Ewald reported that the bond oversight committee met on Monday to review thirteen projects planned for 2014. He said they are excited about progress to date and the core group remains committed to the mission. Rick Rainone expressed appreciation for the work of the bond oversight committee, saying it is great to have them involved. Current planning includes making a list of buildings where staff will need to pack up and move out of the classrooms, and where to stage those administrators during the summer while their buildings are under construction. Through the State of Oregon's facility grant process, when teaching spaces are added to existing buildings approximately 3% of the cost of qualifying projects can be refunded by the state. Two building projects which will qualify will be the added classrooms at Gilbert Park, and at least the kindergarten classrooms at Earl Boyles. Hopefully the pre-K classrooms at Earl Boyles will also qualify. A tour of the swimming pool construction has been scheduled for January 22 at 4pm.

Audience Input –

- Mike Ewald, district patron – expressed disappointment in the board's recent 'no' vote on the health clinic's proposal to expand reproductive health services.
- Becky Greer and Eddie May Querner, district bus drivers – reported that OSEA Chapter 40 classified employees are collecting warm, gently used clothing for students. Decorated boxes have been staged in ten district locations. Items will be distributed as school counselors identify needs.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting reported that January is School Board Recognition Month. He said the board's cohesiveness and ability to listen to patrons and to work with staff, children, parents, and bargaining units has been outstanding, and doesn't happen everywhere. He thanked board members for their work, saying the administration couldn't do their jobs without the board's support. Mr. Grotting shared a message of thanks from DDEA as well, reporting that cards will be forthcoming. Patt Komar will be presenting a "Budget 101" class for board and budget committee members, to discuss the budget process. The majority of OAKS testing ends next year, as school districts move to the technology-based Smarter Balance Assessment. MESD is hosting a discussion on the new assessment for board members on February 11, 3:30-6:00pm. The high school will be providing a digital tech class for all incoming freshman so students are familiar with the format. An AP Economics class has also been added to the course list, and an algebra class with a financial ed component is being considered. In past years due to the reduction in force, the district hasn't had many teaching openings. Due to resignations and retirements, the district will participate in this spring's Educator Fair. The district has hired a firm for facility planning and Ms. Komar has put together some staff and community members who will serve on this committee. She'll also need some board members to serve. She'll send out meeting dates as soon as possible. Ms. Christopher suggested that a city planner be invited to serve on the committee.

Ms. Kienle reported on a grant opportunity through the Children's Levy, which is focused on increased access to food. The Oregon Food Bank and Multnomah County are applying to expand food pantries in mid- and east-county. The first year would support pantries at Mill Park, Floyd Light and Gilbert Park, with Menlo Park added the second year. On Monday, ML King Day, Senator Jeff Merkley will be at the David Douglas High School North Gym to kick off Oregon's Day of Service. Volunteers will be working in school gardens, and at the high school they will assemble packets of college tips and information. Superintendent Grotting was pleased to announce that the Ann & Bill Swindells Charitable Trust has donated \$250,000 to the Earl Boyles project. The high school is preparing a recommendation to increase charges for Driver's Education, after comparing our fees with other districts and reviewing changing requirements as well as our capacity. The high school has been contacted by someone interested in starting a water polo club. We are currently part of the Mt. Hood Aquatics Center Club. A tour of pool construction will take place January 22 at 4pm.

Financial Report – Ms. Komar presented a financial update for fiscal year 2013-14. General fund revenues are running on target. Revenue pass-through funds for energy projects come from PGE and PPL. These funds will be used to pay for energy projects which are part of bond construction. Grant funds were reviewed. Busses have been ordered and are expected for delivery in March/April. This year, Capital Reserve Fund expenditures included roof replacement on a rental property and the repair of a water line. Capital Projects and Early Childhood funds were reviewed. A number of very generous gifts from individual donors and foundations were received at year's end for the Early Childhood project, for which the district is very grateful. Ms. Komar received positive feedback from board members on the financial report's new format.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Larsen moved approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Riggs. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

- Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes
- Request for Approval to Increase Construction Management Contract
- Approval of CMGC for Gilbert Park Construction
- Adoption of MESD Programs and Services for 2014-15

Naming Opportunities / Earl Boyles Early Childhood Wing – Superintendent Grotting reported that the district has teamed with The Children’s Institute to solicit donations for the Early Childhood project at Earl Boyles. As they work to build momentum as more donations come in, they are working with very large donors. He presented a list of potential naming opportunities and dollar values, along with related board guidelines, for the board’s consideration. Ms. Christopher said this is how to draw very large donors, and should bring us over the top of our \$3.5m goal, with about \$1.5m yet to raise. A fundraiser dinner for donors of \$125,000 or more is planned for March. Ms. Raybold questioned having classrooms on the list while the district guidelines specifically prohibit this. She said she is not comfortable with naming classrooms, as named spaces should be a portion of the building accessible by the entire community rather than individual learning spaces. Ms. Christopher said the early childhood wing is in a different category, and that we have to be creative in obtaining funds. She said the city didn’t come up with as much money as they had hoped, nor did the state. This was another way to raise the balance. Superintendent Grotting said that if someone wanted to put in a new artificial turf field at a middle school, he hoped the board would consider any large donation to the district in this way. Ms. Raybold said there are ten other options aside from classrooms on this list, and it sets a bad precedent. Mr. Riggs moved approval of the donor naming opportunities as listed, seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion carried in a vote of 5-1 (in favor: Anderson, Christopher, Larsen, Riggs, Scarcelli Ancheta; opposed – Raybold).

Division 22 Standards & Assurances – Brooke O’Neill presented this year’s list of Division 22 standards, saying these are these are the state laws, rules, and operating procedures for Oregon public schools. Reporting on these was suspended for the past two years due to the state’s economic condition. They have since been reviewed by ODE to remove redundancies, and the district will be responding by the April 15 deadline. One of the requirements is to report to the board in January. Cabinet has met to review each of the standards. One which will not be satisfied is the requirement for instructional hours at the high school level. We are approximately 25 hours short of the standard because we have implemented Wednesday professional learning teams. The district will report to the state by the deadline and may request a waiver because we believe in the value of professional learning teams. We do meet required hours at the elementary and middle school levels.

Revision of the 2013-14 School Calendar – Superintendent Grotting requested the board’s approval to revise the 2013-14 School Calendar by reducing one and one-half days for students at the conclusion of the school year. He recommended the change in order to provide the staff time to pack and vacate spaces which will be under construction, as the project schedule is extremely tight. Mr. Richardson said that moving up the calendar would allow teachers to check out early if they are completely moved out, a good motivator. We have a group of classified staff that typically only work on student contact days. He recommended that those classified staff members be permitted the option to work so they are held harmless. Some offices and kitchens will also need to be emptied. As we develop the school calendar for next year, a similar year’s end schedule will be proposed to take account of construction projects. Ms. Raybold made a motion to approve the calendar revision as proposed, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

OSBA Runoff Election for LPC Position 17 – Mr. Riggs made a motion to support MaryLu Baetkey for OSBA LPC Position 17, seconded by Mr. Anderson. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Future Attendance at NSBA Conference – Chair Scarcelli Ancheta reported that the board has not attended the NSBA Conference for the past five years. She said there is value in this event, as the board is able to see what other districts from around the country are doing. It also allows the board to have some collaborative time together. Since the district's financial situation has improved, the district could budget for next year's event. Ms. Raybold said she spoke with Mr. Gardner, who said there is great value in attending the conference, and he recommended that the full board attend rather than just a few, as it builds cohesiveness and the conference presentations generate good group discussion. The board will need to confirm their plan to attend by September 2014 in order to obtain housing for the 2015 event. It was the board's consensus to budget for the 2015 NSBA Conference.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Ms. Komar presented two contracts for specialized services for the board's approval. The district has advertised for speech pathologists as well as for an itinerant physical therapist for the early childhood program, but we have not been able to fully staff those positions. Ms. Christopher moved approval of contracts for specialized services with Top Echelon Consulting and the Hello Foundation as presented. Following a second from Ms. Raybold, the motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Board Member Reports – Mr. Riggs reported that he attended the College Night presentation at the high school, which included information on community, state and private colleges, as well as financial aid. He reviewed awards won during league competition by high school drama students, including a league championship in duet acting for Jazmine Villa and Connor Riggs. Mr. Riggs said the extracurricular opportunities for students aside from sports are fantastic. Ms. Raybold attended the CAC's December meeting held at Ventura Park. Subcommittees will study expanding recess time, access to activities for low income students, and family engagement. Ms. Christopher said the Educational Foundation is starting to beef up community campaign outreach. They are also working on next year's family calendar, which will highlight the bond projects. She updated the board on the work of the East Portland Action plan committees to determine next steps in their efforts to improve East Portland. The Education subcommittee's next meeting will focus on parent engagement. Ms. Larsen said her family was pleased to receive word that David Douglas sixth graders will attend outdoor school this spring. Mr. Anderson attended his first meeting with the Classified Employees Relations Council this month, where he enjoyed meeting participants. He also participated in mock interviews at DDHS, saying it was enjoyable to meet with students to help them develop confidence. Ms. Raybold also participated, saying she really appreciated the opportunity. Chair Scarcelli Ancheta thanked Mr. Grotting for his letter of appreciation to board members, and thanked the administration for the passion and effort they give to our students, staff and community.

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



Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk