

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
February 15, 2007**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the David Douglas School District Administration Building, located at 1500 SE 130, Portland, Oregon 97233.

School Board Members present were:

Donn Gardner, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Frieda Christopher
Bruce Burton	Carl Clinton
Mike Centoni	Annette Mattson

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Assistant Superintendent; Sherrie Barger, Director of Curriculum; Susan Summers, Director of Human Resources; Barbara Kienle, Director of Student Services; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

**Call to Order / Flag Salute**

**Board Member Reports** – Mike Centoni reported that a special party was held yesterday for long time David Douglas supporter and former student Kurt Hendricks in honor of his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. The high school staff put together a retrospective video, and the event was attended by administrators, teachers, many students, and coaches past and present. Carl Clinton said he noticed the flow of southbound traffic turning into the bus garage was being negatively impacted by a newly installed center pedestrian island on 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. He has been in contact with representatives of the City of Portland to review the installation and its affect on our transportation department. Frieda Christopher reported that the Educational Foundation is seeking donations for the April 21 dinner/auction, and could use some additional volunteers to assist with setup. The Opportunity Gateway Central Strategy Plan will be explained at a public meeting on February 20, 6:00-8:00pm in the Floyd Light Middle School library. Annette Mattson shared a federal government fact sheet titled *¡Excelencia in Education!* regarding Latino students. Ms. Mattson reported that a hearing was held today in Salem regarding Senate Bill 426, which would create a mandatory insurance pool. Workshops are scheduled for tomorrow and Tuesday. She said now is the time for board members to contact legislators and make their feeling known. She and Chair Gardner will visit with legislators on Monday as part of OSBA's Legislative Conference. Board Chair Gardner said that Governor Kulongoski's Chief of Staff, Chip Terhune, and Education Advisor James Sager have been invited to attend the board meeting on March 15. He said he has sent an editorial to the Oregonian to express the board's position on mandatory insurance pooling, and to describe the potential impact on the district.

**Student Body President's Report** – Eilyn Ward announced the selected finalists for Rose Corps and Rose Festival Court for 2007. Following speeches at tomorrow's assembly, students will elect the Rose Corps Captain from among the following finalists: Tony Ho, Greg Moser, Mat Sullivan, Beshara Kehdi, Jed Volvovic, and Ryan Moats. Finalists for Rose Festival Court are Lindsay Short, Jessie Rainwater, Deidre Costello, Irene Johnson, Chelsea Linn, and Cassandra Czupryk. Members of National Honor Society have taken over management of the East Campus Clothes Closet. The inventory is being sorted and a sale of some of the items is planned as a fundraiser toward other needed clothing purchases. David Douglas High School hosted the Mt. Hood Conference Wrestling Tournament last weekend, which was won by the Scots. Qualifying wrestlers will participate in the state tournament this weekend. The spring sports season begins next week.

**Superintendent's Report** – Barbara Kienle reported that Dr. Becky Morrison, from Columbus, Ohio, has been observing in classrooms at the high school, Menlo Park, Gilbert Park, and Alice Ott to assess district staff's readiness for a professional development grant on autism. She remarked that she was very impressed with the work being done here. She also addressed the support group for parents of students with autism during her visit. Students from Alice Ott's self contained classrooms sold Italian sodas last week and earned \$753 in a benefit for the Oregon Food Bank. On March 6, they will work at the food bank and present their donation at that time. Sherrie Barger described yesterday afternoon's early release activities around the district. This was one of six dedicated to professional development. Activities for staff members were planned by individual buildings. In line with the new math requirements for graduation, the district has hired a consultant who will meet next week with math teachers for grades 6-12 to review the new standards and look at textbooks. Mike Stout reported that one district activity held during early release was a three hour training session on gangs. Mr. Stout and Officer Steve Morinville originally planned this session for our security officers, but broadened the program to include administrators, counselors, and site councils. Russ Corno from the City's Gang Enforcement Team led the training, which covered history of gangs in Portland, what's currently happening, and tips on recognizing gang behavior.

Superintendent Rommel reported that two events are under way this evening for ESL families. Menlo Park is hosting a multicultural potluck, and Eric Wadsworth, attendance coordinator from the high school, is presenting an informative session for ESL parents at the PAC which will feature Alyssa Minchuk, outreach coordinator for Immigration Counseling Services. On Thursday, March 15, the Multnomah County Circuit Court will hold a session at Fir Ridge, in which they will hear two cases in the school's gym. Students will have the opportunity to watch the proceedings and talk with the judges following the session. The high school has had a very successful winter sports season. The superintendent congratulated the wrestlers for winning the conference tournament, and coach Wayne Snoderly, who was named Mt. Hood Conference Coach of the Year. Those who qualified are currently participating in the state finals in Salem. The boys and girls swim teams both won the conference championships as well this year, and coach Burt Stratton was honored as coach of the year. They will compete in the state meet this weekend at Mt. Hood Community College. The Tams also won a recent competition. We have received word that 1993 graduate Brian McWhorter has been named Assistant Professor of Trumpet at the University of Oregon, a prestigious honor for him. Long-time volunteer and David Douglas Educational Foundation president Beverly Fischer will be honored on March 13<sup>th</sup> as the Community Award Winner by the University of Oregon School of Education.

**High School Expansion Update** – Architect Terry Rommel presented computer assisted drawings to show how the completed high school wing will look, and described exterior materials and finishes. The tennis courts are in place and are being used. Underground utilities will be completed this month. Steel erection began on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Skanska representative Blain Grover thanked the board for his company's opportunity to participate on another district expansion project. A delay in the steel delivery resulted in a setback of couple of weeks, although the superstructure is now fully erected. Skanska is coordinating with sub contractors to work on both floors simultaneously. A concerted effort is being made to have the building ready for the targeted move in date of August 1. Paul Arzt said a request for additional custodial support at the high school will be made during the budget process, to service the additional square footage. Mark Haner said Skanska has done an excellent job of informing the staff to coordinate with PE classes' use of outdoor spaces for activities. Students have also had some great opportunities to observe and learn during the construction process. The new wing will house general classrooms for approximately 30 students per class, as well as a central workroom for teachers. One classroom will be designated as a computer room for instruction and general lab use. High school administrators are gathering input from teachers and

division chairs before determining which staff members will move to the new facility. The discussion has included whether to move an entire department to the new building. Paul Arzt reviewed the timeline and plans for moving into the new space. Furniture and equipment is being ordered, with a short window for delivery and assembly. He plans to hire a crew of high school students to assist with assembly of furniture and some of the moving. We expect to have the classrooms ready by the beginning of the school year.

**Bus Purchase Bid Approval** – Bob Jacobson reviewed the existing bus fleet and department needs, recommending that the district continue with our replacement program. The purchase of six buses at this time would permit the retirement of six, making the oldest bus in the fleet a 1990 model. The fleet includes 15 sub buses for use as needed, for special trips and breakdowns. Space constraints at the bus garage don't permit much expansion of the fleet. Mr. Centoni made a motion to grant an exemption to competitive bidding for purchase of school buses by buying off of an existing contract that has been competitively bid, and to approve the purchase of four 84 passenger diesel school buses from Schetkey NW and two 18 passenger diesel school buses from Western Bus Sales, at a total cost of \$536,898.20. Following a second from Mr. Burton, the motion was unanimously approved.

**Multnomah Education Service District Programs / Services Proposal** – Mr. Burton made a motion to approve the 2007-08 Local Service Plan – Multnomah Education Service District, as is annually required by law. The decision of which of the offered services will be purchased through resolution or contract funds will be made as part of the budget process. Following a second by Mr. Centoni, a unanimous vote approved the motion.

**Audience Participation** – Board Chair Gardner opened the meeting for public comment. There were no remarks from the audience.

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items** – Mr. Burton nominated district resident Eric Nelson to an open position on the budget committee. Mr. Centoni seconded the nomination, which carried in a unanimous vote. As there is another vacancy on the budget committee, it was suggested posting the opening on the district website and in the newspaper.

**Adjournment** – There being no other business, Board Chair Gardner announced that the board would reconvene in executive session immediately following the regular meeting, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(d) Collective Bargaining. He then declared the regular meeting adjourned.



Donn Gardner, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk