

**Meeting of the School Board  
David Douglas School District No. 40  
March 1, 2012**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the David Douglas School District Administration Building, located at 1500 SE 130<sup>th</sup> 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; 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 Tanner Adrian announced that the four Rose Festival finalists have been selected, and the crowning ceremony will take place next Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Mayoral candidates and business leaders recently took a tour of the high school. The Drama Department's winter production, "Thieves' Carnival" will have performances during the next two weeks. In Winter Sports news, the wrestling team hosted the regional competition and took first place, qualifying 13 athletes for state competition. The team took second place at State, with Josh Reyes taking first place in his weight class. Both swim teams won their district meets, and the girls took ninth place at the state championship. Individuals on the Boys team also did well. The Scots Cheerleaders placed fifth at state, with only four points separating them from first place. The Boys Basketball team took second in the conference, beat Sunset in the first round of the playoffs, and will play Westview in the second round. Spring sports start soon.

Chair Mattson read a proclamation signed by board members in honor of Classified Employees Appreciation Week, March 5-9. Copies will be posted in all of our buildings.

**Visiting Delegations / Audience Input** – Cherie-Anne May, district administrator, resident and parent, announced that March is "Music in our Schools Month". In her capacity as a district parent, she said that her son is graduating this June after 13 years as a David Douglas student. She described the many and varied opportunities which the district provided him during those years. She thanked this board as well as past board members, who held a vision of educating the whole child, and expressed hope that the board will continue to honor that vision. She said David Douglas provided a world-class education for her son.

Tracey Dejeu, district parent, said her middle school student was a victim of bullying. She asked the district to consider ways to redefine and strengthen our policies on bullying. She said she would like to see a contract signed by every student, as well as their parent and teacher, which includes an age appropriate definition of bullying as well as well-defined and firm consequences. She shared some policies from other districts.

Deborah Baker, district parent, said she has been very pleased with the direction of the district over the years, but as a friend of Tracy's she has witnessed the effect of bullying on her son. She said the district's response at both the building and district level was insensitive. She said it is time for the district to review our policy and to provide teacher trainings as well as student assemblies to teach students to stand up for one another. She asked the administration to join them in reviewing these issues and helping us move forward.

Don Crawford, Executive Director of Arthur Academies, expressed hope that the board would approve the charter school's request to expand their student body to 30 students per class. He presented written information which he said outlined the costs to the district to make that change. He said the school has a waiting list in excess of 100 pupils.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Grotting welcomed the audience. He was pleased to announce that high school Wrestling Coach Ron Holyoak was named Oregon's Wrestling Coach of the Year, and that Swim Coach Jim Bowe was named Mt. Hood Conference Coach of the Year. In addition to the state competitors in athletics, he said a number of our vocal and instrumental music students are heading to state competition. The superintendent was recently notified by ODE that three of our schools, Menlo Park, Gilbert Park, and Alice Ott, have been invited to apply to be honored for closing the achievement gap, of 18 nominations statewide. Schools must achieve AYP to qualify. The State Superintendent complimented all of our schools for improvement in reading and math scores.

Some of Portland's Mayoral candidates have requested appointments to hear about David Douglas. The superintendent has met with Jefferson Smith and Eileen Brady, and Charlie Hales has a visit scheduled. The candidates will hold a debate in our PAC on Sunday, April 22. Mr. Grotting recently attended a meeting of the East Portland Chamber of Commerce to hear Senator Jeff Merkley speak. The Senator sends his children to our schools.

As the board and administration consider the upcoming budget, Superintendent Grotting thanked the board for the years they have protected full day kindergarten and special programs such as K-12 music. He said a \$3million reduction will be necessary for 2012-13, which will mean another reduction in force. He said as they prepare their recommendations, the administration will do their best to create a budget which provides a quality education for our students under these constraints. Derek Edens presented short video produced by Josh Gray to celebrate David Douglas School District. The video is posted on the district website.

**Consent Agenda** – Ms. Barberis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes

**Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between David Douglas School District and OSEA Chapter 40, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014** – Before voting on the Classified Contract, the Board Chair asked for remarks from board members. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said that as the result of many discussions over several months, the agreement which has been reached is a win for both the district and the Association. She thanked our Classified Employees for their service to David Douglas. Chair Mattson said that our Classified Employees are amazing, and that the majority of them live in our community. She thanked their bargaining team for coming to the table and working with the district during this tough recession.

On behalf of their bargaining team, Anne Kemp, OSEA Ch 40 president, thanked the district team for their time and service. She said she was very proud of what the teams were able to accomplish and of the contract articles which were maintained. Ms. Fagan made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between David Douglas School District and OSEA Chapter 40, for the term July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion. Ms. Christopher said we should be proud that David Douglas is the only district in East Multnomah County that has been able to negotiate and settle with both bargaining units in a productive and collaborative way. The contract was approved in a vote of 6-0. Members of both bargaining teams signed the agreement.

**SUN Services Providers Report** – Ms. Kienle introduced the annual report from our SUN service providers. David Douglas began its SUN partnership at Alice Ott with Portland Parks, and now has nine official SUN schools, plus an ad hoc program at Fir Ridge.

Metropolitan Family Services is the lead agency for SUN in East Multnomah County. Tricia Harding, Program Director, School Communities, said MFS also runs programs at two of our schools, Earl Boyles and David Douglas High School. Brooke Chilton-Timmons, School Communities Program Manager, said that the district's partnership with MFS began in 2002 and has brought in more than \$1.1 million in services, and 47 MFS volunteers have provided more than 1,280 hours of service in our schools. MFS also runs the Experience Corps program here, with adult mentors serving to support student achievement at Gilbert Heights. Highlights of the new SUN program at David Douglas High School included academic support, youth engagement, parent opportunities, social service support for families, and tutoring targeted to ELL learners. SUN also supports a number of culturally specific student groups, as well as enrichment opportunities such as rocket club and guitar instruction. A full time Americorps member works to build student leadership. All activities are designed to support the school improvement plan. Opportunities for adults included a partnership with the Slavic Community Center to provide a civic engagement and citizenship course, adult ESL classes, and monthly Latino parent nights. A bi-weekly food pantry supports families at Earl Boyles, also providing a venue for parents to serve as volunteers.

Allison Dunfee reported that Catholic Charities EI Program Hispano is in the third year of providing SUN services at Floyd Light and Ron Russell Middle School as well as Fir Ridge Campus. These services are provided through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant from Oregon Department of Education. Goals are to increase academic success, provide a social and health services support system, provide enrichment and recreation activities linked to the school day, and to have the schools serve as a community gathering place. The first hour activities have an academic focus, followed by enrichment and recreational activities. Many offerings are also provided in Spanish. Classes and activities for adults are offered in the evenings, with childcare provided and most offerings provided in Spanish. A Latino family engagement coordinator works in each school. A grant from East Portland Action Plan supports a Latino Parent Circle at both middle schools, and provided an African American family night at Fir Ridge. Last summer's farm stand run by Fir Ridge students was sponsored by SUN. Ms. Dunfee provided some information about our Latino community and efforts to close the achievement gap, noting that Latino parents believe that graduating from high school and from college are critical to their children's success.

The SUN programs at Gilbert Heights, Menlo Park and Mill Park are run by Campfire. Karin Marlborough reported that 330 youth are enrolled. Goals include maintaining motivation, improving behavior, providing academic support, and inspiring our youth to be engaged in after school programming. Sandra Blackwood said the Campfire SUN program has provided more than 300 hours of after school programming including homework assistance, enrichment, service opportunities and recreation activities such as Lego Robotics, Chess for Success, cooking club, garden club, and student council. Ms. Malboro said she is looking forward to demonstrating at year's end that SUN students are making gains in their academic performance and attendance, through data analysis. She described the very positive impact on one SUN student. Through the collaboration of community partners and the support of the school counselor, a homeless family maintained their connection to school and found access to food, clothing, transportation and finally housing.

Ms. Kienle reported that IRCO runs the SUN program at Gilbert Park, where a robust program supports our students and families. Highlights include expanded gardens, a fitness trail, and a partnership with Zenger Farms.

Steve Boquist reported on the Portland Parks SUN program at Alice Ott Middle School, where more than 20 after school activities serve more than 250 students. A sack dinner is part of the program. He described some of the offerings, which include a girls group for relationship building, a volunteer services group connecting with a nearby nursing home, and academic activities. Some of our high school students help with the homework club. A new effort targets students with attendance issues by encouraging them to be involved in after school activities. Math labs are offered at each grade level, and through partnerships with other organizations, SUN is able to offer Saturday Academy science classes, and a Russian Club sponsored by Impact NW which incorporates field trips and special activities. Alice Ott Family Nights draw 200-300 participants with pizza, bingo, an open gym, and guest speakers. Evening activities for adults include dance classes, Spanish, and Tai Chi. An eight-week summer program is also offered, serving elementary students in the morning and middle school students in the afternoon.

Ms. Kienle said that Portland Parks also provided pass-through dollars allocated to four of our schools which are not SUN schools. Each received \$10,000 to provide academic and enrichment classes. She expressed hope that those funds will survive Parks budget cuts. Ms. Christopher remarked that one of the highest priorities of the East Portland Action Plan leadership group is equity regarding SUN programs in East Portland. Chair Mattson thanked presenters for their reports and for all of their efforts, saying that their work in supporting our students is very much needed.

**Healthy Active Schools Grant Report** – Ms. Kienle introduced a year-end report on the Healthy Active Schools grant which was awarded to area schools through Multnomah County via the Center for Disease Control. Stephanie Manfre was hired as the grant coordinator. The \$175,000 grant, which ended this month, paid for Ms. Manfre's salary as well as work on new district wellness guidelines: emphasizing clean healthy drinking water, good food choices, and opportunities for physical activity. Ms. Kienle reviewed grant objectives and activities which supported each goal area. An outcome of the grant was the creation of an active and dedicated wellness committee focused on wellness initiatives which would be sustainable.

Tia Henderson, Upstream Public Health, was introduced. Her organization partnered with David Douglas by providing hydration stations as well as a drinking water promotion to increase student access to clean, chilled water at several schools. Students at Alice Ott, Floyd Light and the high school participated in a poster contest to promote drinking more water, and the winning posters were duplicated and displayed. Free water bottles were distributed to students at each of those schools.

Ms. Kienle said that funding from the grant allowed the district to complete 12 watering stations across the district to provide access to water in all cafeterias as mandated, using reusable cups. The SUN after school programs use them as well. There has been a local procurement farm to school effort, with Jodi Taylor being instrumental in working to increase the availability of local fruits and vegetables through the school cafeterias. "Making Healthy Choices" variety bars are offering fresh fruits and vegetables daily in all buildings. School gardens have been expanded, which link well to our science and math curriculum. Gardens have been embraced and expanded at Fir Ridge, Earl Boyles, Ventura Park, Gilbert Park and Gilbert Heights. Support through the grant included soil amendments, garden equipment, and materials for raised beds. Through Ms. Manfre's efforts, our elementary and middle schools have applied to be considered for the \$500 bronze level award through the Healthier US Schools Challenge.

The Healthy Active Schools grant provided funding for the purchase of Fitnessgram materials to measure and track fitness improvement and physical activity through the PE program. A grant from Oregon Sports Authority bought equipment for our intramural program. At the elementary level, the

“School Moves” program has been incorporated into the school day at West Powellhurst and Gilbert Park. Other schools are considering the program for the fall. A Saturday training session for “School Moves” is being provided through the grant. Ms. Kienle noted that Ms. Manfre was instrumental in applying for several other grants including funding from the East Portland Action Plan for playground equipment for Earl Boyles, which the David Douglas Education Foundation also supported. She also applied for an Oregon Wellness Award for the Earl Boyles program. In closing, Ms. Kienle said this has been a very beneficial grant which has been used to support all schools and all levels with multiple programs.

**Resolution to Submit a General Obligation Bond Measure to Voters** – Superintendent Grotting presented this resolution for the board’s consideration. He said staff have been working to evaluate the district’s deferred and upcoming infrastructure and repair/maintenance projects, which would come from the General Fund without the infusion of bond dollars. He said a \$49million bond would not increase tax rates because a current bond is being satisfied. At the last meeting the board reviewed results of a community survey, which were favorable. Projects to be undertaken with bond funding would include building maintenance and upkeep, textbooks, technology services, and a small portion would support the early learning initiative pilot at Earl Boyles. Funding for that project would also position the district to receive some state, federal, and local dollars.

Ms. Christopher reported that she, Chair Mattson and Ms. Fagan are preparing to reactivate the David Douglas Citizens for Schools political action committee. The committee has \$9,000 which was carried forward from the last bond campaign. With the short timeline to the election, they chose to hire a professional campaign consultant, Bob Lawrence. They will need to raise \$75,000 to run a campaign. Ms. Christopher challenged board members to find volunteers to serve, saying they need about 20 citizens on the committee, and 200 volunteers for the campaign. The committee will meet March 8, 7pm at Pizza Baron. Donations may be made to Citizens for Schools, with a tax credit available of up to \$100 on a donor’s state tax return. Chair Mattson said this effort is about maintaining a safe, healthy environment for our students, funding items such as roofs, plumbing, and asbestos removal, and about protecting our community’s investment in our schools. Mr. Gardner said he appreciated very much that polling information confirmed our community’s support for our schools. He said if we do a good job of getting the message out, the bond measure would stand a good chance of passing. He made a motion to approve the resolution to submit a \$49.5 million general obligation bond to voters, seconded by Ms. Barberis. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

The board chair declared a brief recess, after which the meeting was reconvened.

**Approval of Arthur Academy Charter Contract Renewal** – Dr. Osburn reported that the K-5 program at Arthur Academy opened in 2002. The board extended the contract in 2007. The Charter Review Subcommittee met with personnel from Arthur Academy, who are requesting renewal of their Charter with David Douglas from July 2012 - June 2017. Members of the subcommittee are in support of the renewal and requested the Board’s approval. A separate action would be taken later by the board to adopt any language changes in the charter contract. Ms. Fagan asked some questions about direct instruction. Mr. Gardner said that Arthur Academy has been one of the bright spots in the board’s experience where charter schools are concerned. He said the subcommittee feels they are doing a good job for their students and in managing their facility and their budget. He made a motion to renew the contract with Arthur Academy for the period of July 2012 - June 2017. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

**Bid Award for District Wireless Services** – Mr. Edens reported that the district issued a Request for Proposals for district wireless services, and completed a rigorous review process. He thanked

Keith Seher and Shay Smith for their hours of effort in reviewing proposals and making recommendations. Mr. Edens explained that the district must approve a bid before we apply for grant funding. This contract award is solely contingent on receiving that funding. The technology team recommended that the board award the bid to Aerohive. Ms. Fagan made a motion to award the contract as recommended, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

**Approval of Board Meeting Calendar for 2012-13** – Ms. Fagan made a motion to approve the 2012-13 board meeting calendar, which moves board meetings to the second Thursday of the month beginning in September. Ms. Barberis seconded the motion, which was approved in a vote of 6-0.

**Other Business / Future Agenda Items** – The superintendent presented letters from Advanced Placement high school students thanking the board for providing funding for those classes and for AP test fees.

**Board Member Reports** – Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta reported on the work of the SE Division Street Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative. She was pleased to announce that the group has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the City Council. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta attended the All Hands Raised Portland Roast Festival last night, a fundraiser for Multnomah County students. Ms. Christopher reported on the Educational Foundation's April 21 fundraising event at Camp Angelos to benefit outdoor school for David Douglas sixth graders. Only 180 tickets will be available, at \$25 each. Chair Mattson attended SnowCap's annual fundraiser, where \$67,000 was raised for their program which serves East Portland. Metro's Policy Advisory Committee meetings have concluded, as have the meetings of the Limited Tax Exemption Committee, which will recommend a three-year pilot to equitably distribute affordable housing and services into the inner city. Chair Mattson and the superintendent met with Children's Institute representatives to discuss how they could assist in identifying private funds to match public funding for the Earl Boyles early childhood pilot. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta reported that she attended Shemia Fagan's kick-off celebration of her campaign for state representative.

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



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Annette Mattson, Board Chair



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Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk