

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
May 1, 2008**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. 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
Bruce Burton	Mike Price
Mike Centoni	

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Assistant Superintendent; Gary Haase, Interim Director of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk; 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 – Bruce Burton attended the education forum at Fir Ridge on April 26, which featured an interesting assortment of panelists including Susan Castillo. Mr. Burton said the TAG project fair was well attended by many teachers and principals as well as parents and students. Two TAG bus drivers also attended and the students were very impressed by that. Mike Price also attended the education forum and said Susan Castillo brought some good information to the community. Board Chair Mattson said she was very pleased to see superintendents from Parkrose, Reynolds, and Centennial at that event, as well as Randy Hutchinson, board members and community members from around East County. She also attended a conference titled, Celebrating Educational Opportunities for Diverse Students, which she found very worthwhile. Chair Mattson and Superintendent Rommel spoke about our schools at a meeting of the East Portland Rotary on April 24. Dan McCue was thanked for his work on the PowerPoint presentation he put together for the event. Yesterday, Ms. Mattson joined Barbara Kienle and the superintendent at the Coalition for Community Schools symposium.

Student Body President's Report – Senior Council representative Thalia Delgado reported on high school activities in Stacy Chao's absence. The boys and girls varsity tennis teams will compete on May 6-7 at Parkrose. Leadership II students are planning year-end events for seniors. Leadership I students are making preparations for National Teacher Appreciation Week activities. Student council members for 2008-09 were announced yesterday. Thalia was pleased to report that there are only 19 school days remaining for seniors.

Superintendent's Report – The superintendent announced that next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. She read a proclamation honoring our teachers which board members signed. It will be copied and posted in all district buildings. Three high school students, Nicole Skau, Joseph Ready, and Tegan Tracy, received awards at the state music competition. A number of students also competed in Academic All Stars. Three David Douglas High School students received scholarships from the Gates Foundation. Student Anna Grinko received a "best of show" award at the recent Ceramics Guild show. Toni Gula, Reading Coach at Lincoln Park, received the "Literacy Leader" award from the International Reading Association, Mt. Hood Chapter. Sherrie Barger reported that Gilbert Park student Sarah Cook, and Floyd Light student Andrew Caranto, were the Division I and II winners of the district spelling contest. The 24 contestants and

their parents will be honored at the board meeting in June. Barb Kienle reported that last Thursday's TAG project fair had a wonderful turnout. TAG testing for elementary students is underway, with a total of 240 students being screened this spring. Susan Summers reported that a good discussion took place on a number of articles and issues during a four-hour bargaining session with our teachers on Tuesday evening. The next bargaining session will be May 22, with three more sessions scheduled in June with the hope of reaching an agreement by June 30.

Sherrie Barger announced that the Azbuka Charter School organizers met with her today and submitted a very organized packet of information to meet their May 1 deadline. She said they did an outstanding job responding to ESL issues brought up during their application hearing. 44 students have submitted applications. Of those, 24 are David Douglas residents and 20 are from out of district. 18 of the 20 David Douglas applicants are not currently enrolled in school. A lottery will be held in June to determine which students will be enrolled. The superintendent announced that a plastics recycling collection will take place at FLMS Saturday from 9am-2pm. Dan McCue introduced a short film created by Lincoln Park students in the Kids Club after school program. They participated in a youth film project sponsored by the Oregon Bar Association. One of 100 entries in the film festival, the film was the only one produced by elementary students. It was awarded first place honors. Superintendent Rommel said it was her pleasure to introduce the individuals selected to new administrative positions. Natalie Osburn will assume the position of Assistant Superintendent, Secondary; Candy Wallace will become Assistant Superintendent, Elementary; and John Bier has been named Principal of David Douglas High School, all effective July 1, 2008.

Health Textbook Adoption – Sherrie Barger introduced Kamala Skipper, who chaired the health textbook adoption this year. Ms. Skipper said she really enjoyed this process and the opportunity to work with teachers from across the district. She reviewed the adoption process, saying a K-12 adoption team surveyed teachers regarding the materials they currently use. The team reviewed curriculum to see what was being taught where and what was missing. They also reviewed student demographics and responses from the Healthy Teen Survey, as well as state standards and Oregon state laws. Their goal was to provide a consistent, comprehensive K-12 health education curriculum which was research-based and engaging for students. Representatives from all schools reviewed a variety of materials from the state-approved list and selected the materials being recommended tonight. Ms. Skipper introduced adoption team members Anne O'Brien and Rachel Wagner.

Ms. O'Brien reviewed the elementary level adoption recommendation, **The Great Body Shop**, from The Children's Health Market, which she said provides a comprehensive curriculum which addresses all state standards. Teachers will plan lessons around the content of a weekly health newsletter. There is also a built-in school to home connection, with parent bulletins available in five languages.

Ms. Wagner reviewed middle and high school recommendations, which include middle school materials **Teen Health: Courses 1, 2, 3**, as well as **Foundations of Personal Fitness** and human kinetics materials for PE specialists, all from Glencoe. **Glencoe Health** has been selected for high school students along with Glencoe's **Health and Wellness** for ESL students. Fir Ridge students will also use **Glencoe Health** as well as **A Teen's Guide to Sexuality**. The Glencoe books feature internet/website connections to provide access to textbooks and updated information, and include interactive resources with the adoption. The publisher's representative is local, has a built-in relationship with the district and is available for ongoing support, free of charge. K-12 special education students will also receive new materials as part of this adoption.

Next steps include a parent/community preview of materials to be held during May. Training will be scheduled for all grade levels this spring, with another session in October after instruction has begun. Materials will be ordered and comprehensive K-12 curriculum maps will be finalized. Ms. Skipper thanked members of the adoption committee for their work and passion for this project.

Mr. Centoni moved approval of the health/physical education textbook materials as recommended by the adoption committee, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Technology Purchase – Greg Lind reflected on the video presentation from Lincoln Park students, noting that much learning occurred as students planned the project, acted it out, and filmed it. They can now review their work for reflection. The new Health adoption will also involve the extensive use of technology as part of the curriculum. Historically the board has been very supportive of technology over the years and has allocated funds to support purchasing and implementation. Needs were typically identified at the building level. The technology committee is now proposing that we determine needs at the district level. All teachers currently have access to a computer; all can perform basic functions and are beginning to use technology regularly in their classrooms. Teachers are very interested in using technology but need support. Between buildings and teachers across the district, different kinds of equipment and programs are being used that are often not compatible. The number of different systems makes training difficult. The committee's recommendation is to make a large block technology purchase in order to provide a wide foundation and eliminate barriers to training and implementation. A common platform and tool set would make it possible for teachers to develop their own support networks. Professional learning teams would identify needs and deliver content-specific training. Teachers would be able to more easily collaborate in teams without technology compatibility issues. Easy, instant creation of video would be made immediately available for use by students and teachers, providing opportunities for students to create, produce and reflect on their learning. Mr. Lind reviewed some of the selected technology components, including video of their uses in the classroom.

Mike Stout reviewed the committee's recommendations. A few presentation stations were installed last year at each building. The current proposal is to put a presentation station in every classroom, which includes a projector, document camera, and laptop computer for every teacher. Standardized hardware, software and professional development will be provided with a focus on how to use the new equipment to best advantage. Canby School District recently made a similar investment, and shared information with the district regarding how they financed the purchase through a lease agreement. Gary Haase is working with Seattle Pacific regarding leasing. The technology committee recommends a lease-purchase arrangement through Apple Corporation, paid for over four years. At the end of year four, the district could purchase each laptop outright for \$1 each. The desktop computers from classrooms would be moved into the computer labs. Classroom use and curriculum needs would drive future purchases.

Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve the technology committee's recommendations for hardware and software purchases via a lease-purchase agreement, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion was approved in a vote of 6-0.

Dinner Program Pilot – Cheryl Bland reported that the district has the opportunity to pilot a USDA program to provide dinner for students who are involved in after school programs. The program will be piloted for students at Lincoln Park and Ventura Park. Those buildings were selected due to the high numbers of students enrolled in after school programs. Program coordinators from those sites met with Jodi Taylor to work out the details, and kitchen staff has been hired. After dismissal at the end of the school day, students will have some outside recess time, come in for a hot dinner, then will proceed to the homework and after school program. Costs of the program will be completely reimbursed by the federal government. Jodi anticipates that approximately 1,500 dinners will be served from now to the end of the school year. There is also the opportunity for parents to join their students for dinner at a cost \$3.60 including milk.

Construction Report – Gary Haase reviewed construction schedules at various work sites. The Floyd Light addition is scheduled to be ready for start of school, with completion targeted for August 28. The high school track and field is due for completion by football season. Equipment is on the field and excavation will begin on Monday. Physical work on the Ron Russell Middle School wing will commence around June 15 for completion in December.

Mr. Haase shared information on possible logo options for the center and end zones of the football field. Superintendent Rommel recommended installing the center logo only, as the field will be used for many sports activities by several of our schools. The board's consensus was to proceed with the 'Double D' logo for center of the field only. Photos of construction progress were presented. Mr. Haase and his team were thanked for their work overseeing these projects to keep them on schedule.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Gardner moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Burton. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Personnel Recommendations**
- **Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes**

Audience Participation – The board chair opened the meeting for public comment. There were no remarks from the audience.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Susan Summers was asked about progress other districts are making in bargaining with their teachers. She said that Oregon Trail has reached a tentative agreement.

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



Annette Mattson, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk