

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
June 11, 2009**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, June 11, 2009, 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:

Frieda Christopher, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Annette Mattson
Mike Centoni	Mike Price
Donn Gardner	

Also present were Barbara Rommel, Superintendent/Clerk; Mike Stout, Deputy Superintendent; and Gail Hunter, Board Secretary.

The agenda included consideration of the following:

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Board Member Reports – Donn Gardner said he was pleased to participate in graduation ceremonies along with other board members, and was particularly proud to hand his granddaughter her diploma. He said the ceremony flowed very well and that behavior was exemplary throughout. Mike Centoni noted that this year's graduating class was exceptional. He attended the graduation ceremonies for the high school and Fir Ridge, remarking that Ron Knight has done an outstanding job there. Annette Mattson also attended the high school and Fir Ridge graduations, saying both events were really outstanding and inspiring. Last week, in her capacity of OSBA President, she spoke on an Innovative Partnerships facilities panel. She also had an extensive conversation with Mark Jackson, from REAP, Inc, to hear more about their program and the work they hope to do in the future. Mike Price attended the year-end instrumental music performances at the PAC, and particularly enjoyed the performance by the percussion band. He also attended high school graduation and Fir Ridge's GED graduation, saying that Assistant Superintendent Natalie Osburn's speech made a big impact. Board Chair Christopher remarked that it has been a busy week for all board members. In addition to graduation activities, she attended the Shu-Te dinner as a district representative, and the performance by Shu-Te High School students. The Central Gateway street plan was discussed and presented to the public at a recently held open house. Chair Christopher will be attending the next meeting of the East Portland Action Plan committee on June 24. After reading 350 resumés at work, she said she has some information to share with the high school staff about resumé writing. Ms. Mattson announced that Barry Manning, City of Portland Planning Bureau, will present an update on the East Portland Action Plan next Wednesday, June 17, 7:30am at Cherrywood Villa.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel commented on the district-wide emphasis on literacy as she said she was pleased to honor some of the district's best spellers. She introduced Stacie Moncrief, District Office Reading Specialist, who presented building winners of the district spelling competition. Each received a certificate and pin in honor of their achievement.

Janice Essenberg reported that the district's bus drivers have raised \$545 for 2009 DDHS graduate Zach Abbot's track endeavors, as he works toward the 2012 Para-Olympics. She learned earlier this week that the district has been awarded a grant to purchase needed food service equipment for Mill Park, Ron Russell, and the north and south buildings at the high school. Mike Stout said that at a recent awards ceremony held by the Portland Police Bureau in our performing arts center, School Resource Officers Morinville and Stroh were awarded Achievement Medals for the anti-drug

curriculum they developed for district eighth graders. The video they developed has become a drug prevention model for other school districts. 234 parents and grandparents joined students at a special year-end celebration at Cherry Park today. The event featured lunch with students, and family games and activities which led into student exit conferences. Superintendent Rommel announced that presenters from New Leadership for Equity will work with administrators at an all day session on August 25. The program was introduced to her by Annette Mattson.

Notice of Intention to Terminate Azbuka Academy Charter – Superintendent Rommel presented a draft letter for the Board's consideration. If approved, it will be sent to Slavic Youth of America to provide 60-day notice that we intend to study identified concerns, and if found unsatisfactory, that we intend to terminate the Azbuka Academy charter school contract. Mr. Gardner, who serves on the charter school subcommittee, said the contract included the requirement for a performance audit by an outside agency (PSU). A team composed of Jim Carlisle, Linda Jessell, and Deb Sommers has conducted the audit, and their review raised some serious concerns regarding attendance and credit recording procedures, student performance and curriculum content, and fiscal integrity. Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve sending the letter of intent to terminate the Azbuka charter agreement, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Recommendation to Increase School Meal Prices – Mr. Gardner thanked Ms. Essenberg and Ms. Taylor for the background information they provided, which further explained the rationale for recommending an increase in student meal prices for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Price moved approval of the presented recommendation to increase student full priced lunch by five cents per meal, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion was approved in a vote of 6-0.

Approval of Palermini Stadium Use Requirements and Fee Schedule – Natalie Osburn presented a proposed fee schedule for use of Palermini Stadium. A special revenue account will be created to set aside these fees for future repairs and upgrades. Ms. Osburn reviewed recommendations for volume and hours of use as a starting point, suggesting that these guidelines be reviewed annually to see if the schedule works well, and to determine whether wear and tear are as expected. She said we want to be sure we are keeping this facility in excellent condition for use by our own students and community. Mr. Gardner noted that we have the ability to assess additional charges after an event, should that become necessary. Mr. Centoni made a motion to approve the use requirements and fee schedule, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Audience Participation / Break – Board Chair Christopher opened the meeting for public comment. There were no remarks from the audience. She declared a brief recess, after which Janice Essenberg opened a public hearing on the David Douglas School District 2009-10 budget. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board meeting was reconvened.

Resolution Adopting Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Taxes for Fiscal Year 2009-10 – Mr. Centoni made a motion to adopt the 2009-10 David Douglas School District Budget, seconded by Mr. Gardner. Without further discussion, the motion carried in a vote of 6-0.

Resolution Canvassing the Votes of the May 19, 2009 Director Election – Mr. Centoni moved approval of this resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Price. The resolution was approved in a vote of 6-0.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items, seconded by Mr. Price. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

- **Resolution to Increase Grant Fund Appropriations for the Year 2008-09**
- **Resolution to Appoint Budget Officer for Fiscal Year 2009-10**
- **Resolution Appointing Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Designating Depositories for School Funds for Fiscal Year 2009-10**
- **Resolution to Temporarily Borrow from General Fund Reserves for Grant Purposes for Fiscal Year 2009-10**
- **Resolution for Facsimile Signatures for US Bank for Fiscal Year 2009-10**
- **Resolution to Participate in the Local Government Investment Pool with Amounts Up to the Limit Allowed by the Oregon State Treasury for Fiscal Year 2009-10**
- **Resolution Selecting Talbot, Korvola & Warwick, LLP as Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2009-10**
- **Resolution Setting Tuition for School Year 2009-10**
- **Resolution to Select a Property and Liability Insurance Carrier for the 2009-10 School Year**
- **Resolution to Select a Student Accident Insurance Carrier for K-12 Students for the 2009-10 School Year**
- **Resolution to Select a Workers' Compensation Insurance Carrier for the 2009-10 School Year**
- **Resolution to Authorize the Superintendent to be the Authorized Representative to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2009-10 School Year**
- **Personnel Recommendations**
- **Approval of May Board Meeting Minutes**

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Mr. Centoni noted that this is HR Director Susan Summers' last board meeting, as she will retire on June 30. He said she will be missed, and that she has done an excellent job here. As a future agenda item, Mr. Centoni requested information on how we are going to manage technology and after school programs following the reorganization of district office TOSA positions. He wondered who will become responsible for those duties.

Ms. Mattson reported that she will be unable to attend the July board meeting.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Board Chair Christopher announced that the Board would reconvene in Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(h) Litigation, and (2)(i) Superintendent's Evaluation. She then declared the regular meeting adjourned.



Frieda Christopher, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk