

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
September 21, 2006**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, September 21, 2006, 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 – Bruce Burton remarked that reaction has been mixed to information about the David Douglas bond, in conversations he has had with parents at various open house events. He has noticed a general anti-tax sentiment from some parents, although remarks have not been anti-school. Mike Centoni introduced Tom Erickson from *Citizens for Schools*, who said their group has been meeting weekly making plans to drum up voter support. They have secured space at Georgetown Realty on NE 122nd to make phone contact with voters, the first week of October. They will send mailings and make follow-up calls to remind voters to send in their ballots. They are also researching buying ad time on the electronic sign at 122 & Division. The group submitted arguments to be published in the voters pamphlet, and have solicited donations from a number of local organizations. He commented that the donation from Skanska was very helpful. Mr. Centoni said he enjoyed visiting with staff and parents at open house events. Carl Clinton also attended several open houses and spoke at Ron Russell Middle School and the high school, where a number of people said they were aware of the bond effort and were supportive. Frieda Christopher attended the Lincoln Park open house. She announced that the public meeting held by the Gateway central strategy subcommittee had a great turnout and wonderful input was gathered from homeowners. The group's recommendations will be presented in March. She received the board's consensus to draft a letter to PDC indicating that due to our current overcrowding we would prefer that our growth be minimized as much as possible until we catch up with support facilities. Construction on 102nd Avenue will begin in March, and is expected to continue until next October. Annette Mattson attended the high school's open house to speak about the bond measure. She distributed position papers to the board regarding three ballot measures from the OSBA board of directors meeting, saying that Measures 41, 45, and 48 are unanimously opposed by the OSBA board. Board Chair Gardner thanked staff members from Alice Ott, Gilbert Park, and the high school for their efforts to keep students out of harm's way during a recent police action at 128 & Foster. At Floyd Light's open house, he received positive responses from parents regarding support of the bond.

Student Body President's Report – ASB president Ellyn Ward reported that the leadership class went to Camp Collins last week for some really good team building experiences. They also attended a Mt. Hood Conference meeting with other high school student leaders, where they discussed various activities planned for Homecoming. This year's Homecoming theme is "Wild, Wild West". Fridays have been designated 'Spirit Days' with staff and students invited to wear Scots colors to build school spirit. Nearly 400 students attended the first after-game dance of the year. A new, more flexible visitation schedule for open house was well received by parents. Auditions are underway for "Peter Pan". Ms. Ward announced that the volleyball team beat Barlow in their first meeting of the season. They will play the Bruins again tonight.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Rommel introduced guests Dan Prince and Kim Silva from MESD's Outdoor School program. With the assistance of Cheryl Bland, who helped kick off fundraising efforts several years ago with "Walk for the Woods", they announced that David Douglas School District has received \$17,500 from Friends of Outdoor School to help offset the cost of this year's program. Superintendent Rommel congratulated Annette Mattson for her nomination as vice president of Oregon School Boards Association, noting that this will be the first time a David Douglas board member has held an executive office with that organization since Thelma Elliot served in the 1970's. The Superintendent called the board's attention to a calligraphy display at back of the board room. The work of students from Maria Galati's class was exhibited at the Oregon State Fair.

Mike Stout reported on enrollment, comparing this year's Day #10 to a year ago. District enrollment is up by 13 students. He has been attending meetings at City Hall regarding housing, and has requested information on how many of our students relocated to Columbia Villa when it reopened. After the high school volleyball game, one of our parents collapsed and stopped breathing. Coach Mike King and John Costello performed CPR and resuscitated him prior to his being transported to the hospital. The parent is recovering. Mr. Stout said that during the police action on 128th & Foster, KOIN Six News reported that Gilbert Park and Alice Ott went into lockdown, which was untrue. Schools did hold students who lived in the vicinity of the police activity until it was determined it was safe for them to proceed home. Sherrie Barger announced that more than 100 people signed up for the district's Bike to Work Challenge. In addition, the Wellness Team will launch the 10,000 Steps program on October 15. She invited board members to join that effort. Once staff is on board, the effort will move on to students, and information will be shared with parents who might want to participate.

Resolution to Transfer Money from General Fund Contingency to General Instruction and Support Services for 2006-07 – Board Chair Gardner explained that some expenditures currently paid out of Title I need to be shifted to the General Fund, in order to redirect 10% of Title I funds to professional development, as required under NCLB. The transfer will also allow us to continue to provide reading coaches at the three schools not receiving a Reading First Grant, and adjusts the budget to include the new assistant principal position at the high school. Mr. Centoni moved approval of the fund transfer, seconded by Mr. Burton. A unanimous vote approved the resolution.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Centoni moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Mattson. The motion carried in a vote of 6-0, with Mr. Burton abstaining.

- **Approval of Bid Award for Fueling**
- **Personnel Recommendations**

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

Student Performance Report – Sherrie Barger and Derek Edens presented student performance data from the 2006 state assessment. They shared analysis completed and demonstrated how the staff reviews test information to determine strengths and weaknesses of the instructional program. On September 10, the district was officially notified that under the requirements of NCLB, the district did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress in English/Language Arts for the second year. Students with Disabilities did not meet the required level of performance at all three levels for the second year in a row. The requirement for the first year of district improvement is to revise the Continuous Improvement Plans for the district and individual schools to include measurable literacy goals. Also, the district must direct 10% of Title I funds to professional development at all levels. If AYP is met by all subgroups for two years, the district will exit improvement status. If not, additional requirements and penalties will be imposed. The US Department of Education is also requiring ODE to develop a plan and detailed timeline for how it will meet the requirements to come into full compliance with NCLB by the end of the 2006-07 school year to avoid loss of federal funds.

Board members participated in a data analysis simulation to identify areas of strength and challenge. This is the process used by the district site team and the wider staff in making program improvements to address specific areas of need. Ms. Barger said that as a district we focus on growth and look at how we can meet those growth targets. The standards drive instruction, not the tests. Mr. Edens reviewed performance of students who took a 5th grade and 10th grade test as David Douglas students, to determine whether the intact group had better results than students with greater mobility. A greater percentage of the intact group met benchmark than students who spent only part of their education in David Douglas. It was suggested that the district investigate instructional practices at districts with comparable demographics which are meeting AYP, to see whether there are elements we might find useful.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Ms. Christopher invited board members to participate in the Ron Russell Memorial Walk at Wildwood on Saturday. Beverly Russell will present information on the Mt. Hood Community College bond levy at the next board meeting.

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



Donn Gardner, Board Chair



Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk