

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
November 1, 2007**

The regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, November 1, 2007, 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:

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| Frieda Christopher, Board Vice 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 – Vice Chair Christopher announced that Board Chair Mattson is away in Minnesota due to the loss of her mother. Mr. Burton thanked board members for the flowers he was sent following his surgery. Vice Chair Christopher said the Educational Foundation has selected “All That Jazz – an Evening in Black and White” as the theme of the 2008 dinner/auction, with a focus on music as a possible bell ringer. They are requesting input regarding the types of auction items people would like to see available for bid, as well as ideas on what changes should be made in the event to keep it interesting and successful.

Student Body President’s Report – Stacy Chao reported that the last football game of the season will take place this Friday. Boys soccer and boys and girls water polo have qualified for the playoffs. Parent/teacher conferences will be held November 15 and 16.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Rommel reported that she missed the last board meeting because she attended a community schools conference with representatives from Multnomah County. She had the opportunity to meet people from all around the country as well as some international attendees, and gathered some great ideas on how to make a school the hub of the community. Tonight she attended the Fir Ridge “Poetry Slam”, where she heard some amazing poetry from students and staff, as well as one student from Ron Russell Middle School. She said it was a wonderful and worthwhile event. They plan to host another in the spring.

Technology in the Classroom – Ms. Christopher introduced Greg Lind, District Technology Coordinator. Mr. Lind thanked board members for funding this new position and for supporting technology across the district. Last year nearly 400 teachers responded to a technology survey. The results of the survey guided the purchase of new equipment. Significant recent purchases include a presentation station at each elementary and middle school; and ceiling mounted LCD projectors, large pull down screens and new laptops for each classroom in the new high school wing, along with five SmartBoards. Regular technology meetings are taking place, and Mr. Lind has been meeting with principals and many teachers to determine how best to support them in using the new technology in their classrooms.

High school teacher Bill Blevens was introduced. He reviewed a lesson using a SmartBoard, and demonstrated how he gets immediate feedback from students via remotes. He said that students are really engaged in the lesson and pay better attention. He said that the new system makes organizing material, adding to lesson plans, and collaboration between teachers more efficient. Mr. Lind gave board members the opportunity to try the SmartBoards. He shared video of teachers using technology in the classroom at various grade levels, showing how use of technology helps engage students during the lessons, and included a recording session featuring high school student musicians Becky and Erica Peacock. Future plans include reaching out to innovative teachers to serve as models for best practices, supporting educators with differentiated trainings, and collecting and sharing successful, innovative lessons. The technology committee will continue to plan and coordinate future technology purchases throughout the district. Mr. Lind thanked Josh Gray, who shot the video.

Sports Participation Survey Results – High school athletic director Stan Woodfill announced that four fall sports teams are heading into post-season play. The boys and girls water polo teams are both 12-0 and are league champions. Bobby DeRoest was named boys and girls Mt. Hood Conference Coach of the Year. The boys soccer team, coached by Rick Johnston, finished third in the league and will begin playoffs on Saturday. If they win their first game, the Scots will host the second playoff game. The football team is in 3-way tie for first place going into the final game of the regular season, along with Centennial and Central Catholic. Depending on the outcomes this Friday, we hope to host a playoff game next week. The winter sports season begins on Monday. Mr. Woodfill thanked board members for their continuing support in funding extra teams as needed.

Mr. Woodfill presented results of a survey which was presented to 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders last spring in order to gather feedback about participation and interest in sports. Title IX recommends doing a sports interest survey periodically. It was designed to be simple and quick to complete, and provides a snapshot of what students would like to see offered, as well as current participation. Middle school principals assisted in getting input from eighth graders. Results were sorted by gender, grade level, and then a combination of the two. In general, the results show that the opportunities being offered match student interest. Input was also gathered about some of the activities students enjoy outside of school, and what sports students would like to see offered in the future. Interest was expressed in lacrosse and rugby. Mr. Woodfill met with PE teachers to see about offering a three-week lacrosse unit in the spring as a place to start. If student response is enthusiastic, it could be offered as an elective PE class. Three schools in our league currently offer lacrosse through local competitive associations.

Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Gardner moved approval of the October Board meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Centoni. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – The superintendent reminded real estate subcommittee members that they will be touring the South Powellhurst building tomorrow morning at 8am. Mr. Haase said that Multnomah County has expressed interest in a three-year contract for continued use of that facility with the option of up to two single year extensions. It was suggested that the facilities subcommittee members be part of the discussion, along with the contract committee.

Audience Participation – There were no comments from the audience.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Vice Chair Christopher announced that the board would reconvene in executive session immediately following the regular meeting, in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(d) Collective Bargaining, and (2)(h) Litigation. She then declared the regular meeting adjourned.

Frieda J. Christopher

Frieda Christopher, Board Vice Chair

Barbara Rommel

Barbara Rommel, Superintendent / Clerk

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