

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
December 1, 2011**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, December 1, 2011, 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:

Annette Mattson, Board Chair	
Dawn Barberis	Donn Gardner
Frieda Christopher	Mike Price
Shemia Fagan	Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta

Also present were Don Grotting, Superintendent/Clerk; Natalie Osburn, Assistant Superintendent; 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 reported on the conclusion of the fall sports season, saying that the football team made a surprising run in the playoffs, upsetting #1 West Linn. They later lost to Oregon City. The musical “Fiddler on the Roof” opens tonight, with additional performances through December 10. The Jazz band competes this month, and high school musical groups will have winter concert performances. The second season winners of “The Sing-Off”, a group called “Committed,” performed at the high school on November 18, sponsored by Adventist Medical Center. Student Council is reviewing presentations by local non-profits as part of “Community 101.” The “Night with the Scots” kicked off the winter sports season. The Concert Choir and Orchestra will perform at the Grotto on December 6.

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input – Mike Ewald, district patron, reported that the East Portland Action Plan grant committee awarded \$54,000 to East Portland projects, each of which will have a positive impact on our neighborhoods.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Grotting announced that ASB President Tanner Adrian plays on the high school basketball team, and said he looks forward to a great season. The district received word that Oregon Sports Authority has awarded us a grant for \$10,000 to fund middle school intramural opportunities from March through June. Ms. O'Neill led the effort in receiving a data project grant for \$22,000 to help lead administrators in disseminating and tying data to instructional practices toward gains in student achievement. The superintendent met recently with *Friends of the Children*, which is providing mentors to work with at-risk kindergarteners at Mill Park and Lincoln Park. The mentorship follows these students all the way through graduation. *Friends* will be selecting another 15 students for this program. Mr. Grotting said this is a wonderful investment in our students. Bargaining continues with both classified and certified bargaining units. The high school music department is again a semi-finalist for the High School Grammy Awards. Superintendent Grotting was pleased to announce that he is nominating Student Services Director Barbara Kienle as Oregon Central Office Administrator of the Year. Chair Mattson thanked Dan McCue and parent Suzie Albin for their work on the Oregon Sports Authority grant, and credited Charles McGee from the Black Parent Initiative for making us aware of this opportunity.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Barberis moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Christopher. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

- Administrator Step Increase for 2011-12
- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of November Board Meeting Minutes

OSBA Election – Chair Mattson said that in the past, election of officers and votes on amendments to the Oregon School Boards Association constitution were handled by the members once a year at the conclusion of the OSBA conference. Each member school board now has input on these items. She reviewed Multnomah County positions for board and legislative policy committee vacancies. Ms. Fagan made a motion to approve the unopposed candidates for Board Position 18 and LPC Position 17, seconded by Ms. Barberis. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Christopher moved that the board select Doug Montgomery for LPC Position 18, seconded by Ms. Fagan. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gardner and Ms. Fagan moved and seconded approval of Resolution 1 amending the OSBA constitution, which was approved in a vote of 7-0. Mr. Gardner also presented a motion to approve Resolution 2, which was seconded by Ms. Barberis and passed in a vote of 7-0.

Resolution Authorizing Updated Construction Excise Tax Limits – Chair Mattson said that in 2007, the legislature gave school districts a financing tool regarding growth and development within district boundaries, SB 1036. A resolution was presented to adopt tax rate limits for 2011-12 as updated by the Oregon Department of Revenue. Ms. Christopher so moved, seconded by Ms. Barberis. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Chair Mattson reported that Midway Business Association's Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative for Division Street was approved by the Portland Development Commission. They received \$10,000 for planning. Human Solutions is a partner in this effort and wrote the grant. Boundaries are undetermined at this time but will be approximately SE 112th to SE 148th. They have requested time on the January board meeting agenda to present information on their work. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta said that PDC wants to support neighborhoods which are not thriving. Chair Mattson said this is the first program out of PDC where the focus is economic development and not housing, and where the effort is driven by the community itself.

Board Member Reports – Chair Mattson shared copies of the 1992 strategic plan written by the district, saying she would like to set a board workshop on goal setting as the first step toward an updated strategic plan. She asked board members to check their availability for a Thursday evening in January. Ms. Fagan attended the "Night with the Scots" and said she is excited to see the basketball team begin their season. On a somber note, she commented on the passing of Rob Ingram, a parent of five and East Portland activist who was director of the City's Office of Youth Violence Prevention. He passed away at age 38 from a heart attack. She said the city's youth have lost a champion. Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta wished fellow board members, staff and students a happy holiday season. Ms. Christopher said the Educational Foundation's fundraising efforts will support Outdoor School. They hope to hold their dinner event at one of the Outdoor School sites, and may have some hands-on activities focused on that experience. Chair Mattson attended OSBA's workshop on campaign finance on November 4, where she received good information about levy and bond campaign trends. She said Mt. Hood Community College and Gresham-Barlow School District are each considering putting bonds before the voters. She also participated on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, attended the OSBA Conference, and testified on the Portland Plan. Superintendent Grotting also testified, representing East County school districts. The deadline for

public comment has been extended to December 28. Chair Mattson attended the 122nd Avenue zoning committee meeting, where some exciting proposals for expanding zoning for businesses were discussed.

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



Annette Mattson, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk

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