

**Meeting of the School Board
David Douglas School District No. 40
February 11, 2016**

A regular meeting of the David Douglas School Board was held on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 7:00pm in the David Douglas School District Board Room, located at 1500 SE 130th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97233.

School Board Members present were:

	Kyle Riggs, Board Chair	
Bryce Anderson		Christine Larsen
Frieda Christopher		Shannon Raybold
Donn Gardner		Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta

Also present were Don Grotting, Superintendent/Clerk; Ken Richardson, Deputy Superintendent; Patt Komar, Director of Administrative Services; Brooke O'Neill, Director of Curriculum; Kelly Devlin, Director of ESL & Equity; 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 Cameron Knopf reported that this year's Winter Formal attendance was very low, possibly due to lack of advertising or to the impact of the high school's new attendance policy. The Scots Angel fundraiser is nearing their \$10,000 goal. High school students will select their Rose Festival princess soon. The wrestling and swim teams will compete in district championships this weekend, and cheerleaders will compete at the state level.

Visiting Delegations / Audience Input –

- **Bond Oversight Committee / Construction Manager's Report** – Mike Ewald reported that the committee met on Monday night to discuss the remaining bond projects, which include completion of building security systems, and gym floors at Cherry Park and Mill Park. He remarked that Patt Komar has done a phenomenal job tracking the funding, and that the district was transparent with our taxpayers throughout the process. Due to many projects coming in below budget, the remaining \$2.1 million will allow some additional work.
- **Tom Badrick, Chair, Parkrose Association of Neighbors** – Mr. Badrick introduced Dr. Thuy Tran, former Parkrose board member. She described a potential Hope monument which could be sited at Ventura Park with support from Portland Parks. She expressed hope that the district would support the effort. Mr. Badrick said he has started a conversation with Parks, has formed a nonprofit, and has applied for a grant for the community to design the monument. He has also met with the Ventura Park principal to describe the project. Superintendent Grotting said he recently told the Parks director about Mr. Badrick's proposed projects, and his suggestion was first to find out whether the projects could be viable.
- **Audience** – Julie Symonds, Nutrition Services employee at David Douglas High School – reported that cooks voluntarily paid for 24 student breakfasts in December, and 32 last month, when students could not produce identification. She said she was aware that a new system will be in place in September, but asked that the district provide a solution in the meantime.

Superintendent's Report – On behalf of the district's teachers, Superintendent Grotting thanked the board for providing tomorrow's professional development day. Brooke O'Neill said the teaching staff will put that time to good purpose. The superintendent shared a video produced by OSBA on the

impacts of the Earl Boyles preschool program. It was recently shown at a statewide conference. He visited Ron Russell Middle School today to recognize more than 260 students with a GPA of 3.5 or greater, at a special assembly. Gateway and East Portland Rotary Clubs have donated dictionaries to every 3rd grade student in the district, and hope to make this an annual event. Multnomah County's infusion of about \$1million will allow the district to implement Successful Families 2020 at David Douglas High School, Floyd Light and Ron Russell Middle Schools, and Earl Boyles and Mill Park Elementary Schools. Facilitated through United Way, culturally specific organizations will provide family engagement and academic support. This winter more than 79 families have been displaced across the district, becoming homeless due to rent increases. Our Counselors and Homeless Liaison are working to support those families. The College Possible program is paying huge dividends for our students. The program's mission is to make college admission and success possible for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support. College Possible also works with Reynolds, Parkrose, and Gresham-Barlow School Districts, and plans to expand to Centennial.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Christopher moved approval of the following consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

- Approval of January Board Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Adoption of MESD Programs and Services for 2016-17

Arthur Academy Report – Brooke O'Neill introduced Arthur Academy Principal John Luebke, Executive Director Stephani Walker, and Jill Domine, Director of Operations, Finance, and Human Resources. Arthur Academy has partnered with the district since 2002. Ms. O'Neill said as their contract expires next year, it's timely to hear from them. She said she conducts an annual site visit, and their principal got to do a walk through at Earl Boyles this year.

Mr. Luebke reported that of six Arthur Academy schools, David Douglas was the first. Staffing at Arthur Academy includes six K-5 teachers, an intervention specialist, and a small groups teacher. Current enrollment is 155 students, 43 of whom live outside David Douglas School District. He reviewed results of their parent survey, saying 100% want their children to return. Demographics were reviewed. The school is sharing applications with Head Start, nearby low income apartments, day care centers, churches, and posting on library community bulletin boards in an effort to bring in more diverse students. Increasing the diversity of the student body remains a challenge, as of 154 applications for admission last fall, only 13 were not siblings. In addition to in-house assessments, students participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment, results of which were reviewed. Their instructional model was described, their financial position reviewed, and photos of school activities were shared. Superintendent Grotting thanked them for this successful partnership.

First Reading: Board Policy Section E – Deputy Superintendent Ken Richardson presented a first reading of Section E - Support Services, noting one change to policy EBBB. This will be an action item next month.

High School Math Adoption – Brooke O'Neill, Director of Curriculum, presented a proposal for materials and license purchases for high school mathematics. The purchase had been postponed while ODE revamped the adoption process, so the team could see any changes made in math requirements. Ms. O'Neill said Amy McQueen and Steve Vancil have done a great job leading the math leadership and adoption teams and reaching 100% consensus on their recommendations.

Ms. McQueen reported that getting the Title II-B grant allowed the district to start the math leadership team. Middle school teachers also participated because Algebra 1 is taught in all three middle schools, and some students will take high school geometry in middle school as well. Assistant Principal Joe Talley presented the team with a report from John May correlating cohort data on ninth grade success in math with graduation rates, indicating that students not successful in algebra their freshman year won't graduate on time. The team reviewed the Smarter Balanced Assessment, identified priority content, gaps in instruction, and core topics, and developed a three-year integrated course outline based on state standards. Review of the assessment indicated a shift in instruction was needed, with less emphasis on geometry and expansion of algebra instruction. Mr. Vancil reported that the team is very excited about the new model, which cut geometry from a full year to a portion of a year so math students see algebra every year. Other large districts around Oregon are also investigating the integrated track. The adoption team took this outline to the curriculum caravan, where only a couple of publishers matched their list of requirements.

The team's unanimous recommendation was to purchase new math curriculum for Integrated I, Integrated II, and Integrated III through Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH). Areas of instruction each year were described as well as the timeline for phase-in of the integrated program. The State-negotiated price includes a 5% discount if purchased by June 30. The cost projection includes an estimate for Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus materials, which have not yet been selected. Teachers are excited about the integrated approach and are ready to plan and get into training. Ms. Raybold moved approval of the adoption as outlined, seconded by Ms. Larsen. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Approval of School Calendar for 2016-17 – Ms. Larsen moved approval of the proposed calendar for 2016-17 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Anderson, the motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Spring Board Workshop Discussion – The board's consensus was to hold a spring board workshop on March 31, 6:30 – 9:00pm in the board room. Ms. Komar will invite a representative from Piper Jaffray to attend.

Date Change for August Board Meeting – Removed from agenda.

Other Business / Future Agenda Items – Ms. Komar presented a request for a contract increase to cover additional project management and construction costs for the security access bond project. The proposed increase is just over \$25,000. Ms. Christopher so moved, seconded by Ms. Scarcelli Ancheta. The motion carried in a vote of 7-0.

Board Member Reports – Ms. Christopher said she had the opportunity to attend Rep. Keny-Guyer's coffee. She remarked that the representative is very savvy and really listens to constituents. She met with Commissioner Fritz today. EPAP is now a permanent line item in the county budget. The Educational Foundation's 25th anniversary is next year. She described various uses of foundation funds. Ms. Larsen reported that she attended the Floyd Light Middle School band performance, where she saw 5th graders perform as well.

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



Kyle Riggs, Board Chair



Don Grotting, Superintendent / Clerk