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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, April 8, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Davison High School Auditorium

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Conover
Holly Halabicky
Alicia Hensley
Kurtis McMahan
Diane Rhines
Matthew Smith
Granger Stefanko

ADMINISTRATION:

Matt Lobban, Superintendent
Amy Chorley, Executive Director of Student Services
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information
Joshua Evans, Director of Business Services
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum
Christine Kuzinski, Director of Operations and HR
Dana Melaragni, Director of Special Education
Dave Beamer, Athletic Director
Jennifer Burke, Hill Elementary Principal
Andrew Criswell, Thomson Elementary Principal
Cayla Dowdall, Middle School Assistant Principal
Andrea Ferguson, High School Assistant Principal
TJ Fischhaber, Alternative Education Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Verle Gilbert, Hahn Intermediate Principal
Jerry Piger, High School Principal
Natalie Miller, Gates Elementary Principal
Josie Paquette, Middle School Principal
Melissa Williams, Thomson Elementary Principal

STAFF:

Mariah Bailey, Alicia Bautista, Brielle Bayliss, Julie Buzzell, Amy Cottrill, Matt Dipzinski, Faith Fortune, Chris Friske, Brad Fuson, Jennifer Galbreath, Katie Gist, Janet Green, Becky Helms, Mackenzie Hodack, Sara Howes, Dana Johnson, Melissa Jones, Emily Judd, Leandra Lints, Staci Maule, Andrea McDunnah, Mary Naranjo, Lauren Rhoads, Kevin Roberts, Karla Ruzicka, Anthony Schaaf, Alexis Schaepkens, Hillary Stimson, Amanda Tanner, Karen Thompson, Julie VanEvery, Rachel Wheaton, Kristine White

OTHER GUESTS:

Gailene Adams, Amber Alexander, Anna Armitage, Nick Armitage, Jenny Balabon, Jeremy Balabon, Pam Beard,

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Bob Beckelic, Tyler Berry, Veronica Berry, Dave Bodis, Dawn Bodis, Jillian Bolton, Chris Boshell, Jacqi Boshell, Dave Bowles, Logan Bowles, David Bruce, Amber Constable, Alicia Craine, Bridget Dipzinski, Lois Dumas, Thomas Dumas, Chris Edgar, Nicole Edgar, Kaila El-Amin, Logan Flore, Ashley Frase, Josh Gardiner, Misti Gardiner, Erika Glasco, Russell Harvey, April Holmes, Josh Holmes, Cindy Holtus, Phil Jelinek, Tracy Jelinek, Jeff Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Darren Judd, Jessica Knoodle, Tom Kremer, Greg Lawson, Craig Martz, Maria Martz, Will McDunnah, Rebecca Merz, Scott Merz, Eileen Miner, Gary Minto, Adrienne Odelle, Sean Odelle, Joe Pacheco, Dan Peterson, Kathy Peterson, Makayla Pitts, Shannon Pullum, Charles Rocheleau, Pam Saumier, Sean Saumier, Joshua Schlegelmilch, Carrie Seymour, Chris Seymour, Wendi Sigourney, Dawn Smith, Glenn Smith, Brian Slezak, Meghan Slezak, Kathy Streeter, Katie Streeter, Alex Taylor, Shannon Taylor, Brian Thayer, Brian Thayer II, Chad Vaughn, Ben Vick, John Walsh, Kellye Walsh, Sara West, Wendy Wolcott, Martha Wykes, Chris Yurk

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Davison Board of Education was called to order by President Holly Halabicky at 6:00 p.m. in the Davison High School Auditorium.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Last year, a group of teachers at Gates Elementary developed monthly art units that focused on various artists and their style of art. This year, these teachers, led by Miss Bayliss, have developed monthly art lessons that focus on various mediums used for art or styles of art. These students have been chosen not only for their enthusiasm for art, but also because of the way they exemplify the Cardinal Code. As they introduced themselves, they shared one of their favorite art pieces from this school year.

ROLL CALL: Robin Ricica read the roll. Members present: Karen Conover, Holly Halabicky, Alicia Hensley, Kurtis McMahan, Diane Rhines, Matthew Smith, Granger Stefanko.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Karen Conover, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-6 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the regular and closed session minutes for the meeting held on March 4, 2024. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the March 4, 2024 Board meeting.

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2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills for March:

AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund,
Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund \$ 2,048,714.81
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of March.
4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through April 4, 2024.
5. **Quarterly Financial Report:** Approval of the Quarterly Finance Report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2024 including budgets for the General Operating Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Student Activity Fund.
6. **Approval of Budget Revision:** Approval of the general fund budget revision which incorporates updated student enrollment data, known and anticipated changes in funding and other relevant information.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations

KIDS FIRST AWARD RECOGNITION: Davison High School and Hill Elementary Social Worker Emily Judd was honored as our April "Kids First Employee of the Month." This employee recognition initiative has been developed to recognize employees for going above and beyond the call of duty to meet the needs of the children they serve. The program is being sponsored by Mark Owen of MEEMIC Insurance in Davison.

CARDINAL SPIRIT AWARD RECOGNITION: We are very fortunate to have many dedicated individuals from our community who are passionate and loyal in their support and service to the students and staff at Davison Community Schools. To acknowledge these fine citizens, we have established the Cardinal Spirit Award. Individuals can be nominated by any DCS staff member. Once a month, the building principal can submit one name for that month's drawing. This month, we are pleased to recognize Gary Minto.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION: Davison High School Principal Jerry Piger will present on the National Merit Program and introduce some very distinguished students. The following students were recognized:

Andrew Shorkey: Andrew is a senior at Davison High School and has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as a Finalist. He is the son of Shawna and Tim Shorkey. Andrew currently has a 4.167 GPA and scored a 1580 on his SAT. Andrew is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Quiz Bowl Captain. He plans on attending Central Michigan University to study chemistry.

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Caden Yurk: Caden is a senior at Davison High School and has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as a Finalist. He is the son of Sherri Ruthenberg and Chris Yurk. Caden currently has a 4.310 GPA and scored a 1540 on his SAT. Caden is a member of the National Technical Honor Society. He plans on attending Grand Valley State University to study computer engineering.

Jacob Peterson: Jacob is a senior at Davison High School and has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as a Commended Student Scholar. He is the son of Kathleen and Daniel Peterson. Jacob currently has a 4.357 GPA and scored a 1480 on his SAT. Jacob is part of the National Honor Society where he serves as Vice President. He is also the President of Key Club. Jacob plans on attending the University of Michigan to study nursing.

Jackson Smith: Jackson is a senior at Davison High School and has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as a Commended Student Scholar. He is the son of Dawn Smith. Jackson currently has a 3.671 GPA and scored a 1430 on his SAT. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Quiz Bowl Captain. Jackson plans to attend the University of Michigan where he will study pre-law.

RECOGNITION OF ALL-STATE ATHLETES: Winter Sports All-State Athletes were honored. The following students were recognized: Justin Gates, Alex Holmes, Kyle Jelinek, Greg Lawson, Calvin Martz, Joe Merz, Tanner McDunnah, Julius Pacheco, Bryan Shanks, and Steve Vaughn.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

UPDATES: As required by ARP/ESSER III, districts must review and/or update the Return to In-Person and Continuity of Service Plans at least every six months throughout the life of the grant. This is a revised version of Davison's Return to In-Person and Continuity of Service Plans. The plan, provided to Board members prior to the meeting, included detailed district procedures and guidance for instruction, health, cleaning, testing, athletics, transportation, food services, and vaccinations per federal requirements.

From the Public: Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. Mr. Bob Beckelic made comments.

Correspondence: Alicia Hensley read a thank you from GSRP and Cardinal Nest students.

ACTION ITEMS:

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK RESOLUTION APPROVAL: We are fortunate to have highly dedicated staff members who work diligently for the benefit of our children and community. A resolution that acknowledged the week of May 6-10 as Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in Davison was presented. Administrators in each building have plans to recognize the contributions of Davison teachers and staff. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the resolution. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF SECURE VESTIBULE ADDITIONS: Bids were received for the Secure Vestibule additions at Hill Elementary, Thomson Elementary and Davison Alternative Education. The bid tabulation and recommendation letter from Josh Morris from DCC Construction was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met on April 4 and reviewed the bids and the recommendations. The committee supported awarding the low bids totaling \$805,191.75 below:

Concrete	Gross Construction	\$198,000.00
Masonry	Masonry Solutions Midwest	\$161,200.00
Structural Steel	Men of Steel	\$ 98,900.00
General Trades	J. Perez Construction	\$ 89,400.00
Roofing	Superior Service	\$104,324.00
Glass & Glazing	Pearl Glass & Metals	\$ 31,490.00
Flooring	SCI Floor Covering	\$ 11,800.00
Mechanical	Dickerson Mechanical	\$ 55,000.00
Electrical	Energy Electric Services	\$ 55,077.75

Motion by Karen Conover, supported by Matthew Smith, to approve the secure vestibule additions listed above. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF DHS BOND SITE WORK PROJECT: Bids were received for the high school bond site work project. The bid tabulation and recommendation letter from Josh Morris from DCC Construction was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met on April 4 and reviewed the bids and the recommendations and supports awarding the low bids totaling \$4,762,836.00 listed below:

Earthwork/Utilities	Fessler & Bowman, Inc.	\$4,049,000.00
Electrical	Advance Contracting & Electrical	\$ 673,883.00
Signage	ASI Signage Innovations	\$ 39,953.00

Motion by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the DHS Bond Site Work Project as listed above. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF HVAC WORK DUE TO HAIL DAMAGE: In order to proceed with repairing HVAC rooftop units that were damaged by the hail storm on July 20, 2023, which provide air conditioning to our schools, condenser coils need to be replaced and/or combed out. The District has received assessments of, and quotes for, damage to the rooftop units at multiple buildings. Director of Operations Christine Kuzinski's memorandum and quotes from Goyette Mechanical were previously provided to Board members. Motion by Karen Conover, supported by Matthew Smith, to approve the projects quoted by Goyette and approved by SET/SEG in the following buildings and amounts:

Alternative Education High School	\$ 54,511.00
Thomson Elementary	\$ 10,972.00
Hill Elementary	\$ 16,921.00
Central Elementary	\$ 92,843.00
Thomson Elementary	\$ 29,554.00

Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE) IRC SECTION 127 PLAN, EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: The Educational Assistance Plan is being established by the Davison Community Schools to provide eligible employees with educational assistance benefits under Section 27 of the Internal Revenue Code in accordance with specific program/grant requirements, including any current applicable collective bargaining agreement(s). The plan benefits employees pursuing further education related to their current job or career, or in the case of educational assistance provided through grant-funds and grant loan repayment programs.

The educational assistance plan covers qualified educational expenditures as permitted by the contract or specific program guidelines, such as registration, tuition, fees and books. The plan also allows the District to participate in a public service loan forgiveness program grant offered through the Michigan Department of Education, by allowing qualified applicants to receive reimbursement for student loan payments.

It was recommended the Davison Community Schools Board of Education approve the educational assistance program of the Davison Community Schools. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the (Internal Revenue Code) IRC Section 127 Plan, Educational Assistance Program. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL DECA CONFERENCE: The Marketing Instructor and DECA Advisor Matt Ames requested the Board's approval for two students to attend the International DECA Conference in Anaheim, California from April 26 to May 1, 2024. Details of the trip were previously provided to Board members. Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Matthew Smith, to approve the DECA Club overnight trip. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Meijer of Davison donated 3,000 shopping bags to Gates Elementary for student use at their book fair.
- The Richfield Reaching Methodist Church donated lunchboxes and backpacks to Siple Elementary to be given to students as needed.
- The Davison Education Association (DEA) made a monetary donation to Thomson Elementary to purchase books for new students during Kindergarten Roundup.
- The DEF donated \$3,658 to purchase certified solar eclipse glasses in order for all students and staff to safely view the April 8, 2024 eclipse.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

Superintendent Lobban welcomed the Davison Boy Scouts who attended the meeting to learn more about local government.

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State testing takes place Wednesday through Friday this week. Kindergarten Roundup will be held April 15-19 in the Thomson gym. The volunteer dinner will be held on Thursday, April 18 with the high school musical, Mary Poppins, following the dinner and lasting through Saturday.

The high school Quiz Bowl Team will compete in state finals on April 13 and House of Cards Robotics Team has qualified for Worlds Competition in Houston, Texas on April 16-20. Neurodiversity Week is April 15-19 and the district will be celebrating including and belonging.

The district received a letter from Jan Liebert of Outreach East thanking students and staff for their total donation of \$10,550.45 collected during the Cool to Care Campaign.

Future Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Davison High School Auditorium

1250 N. Oak Road, Davison

Superintendent's Evaluation

Monday, May 20, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Cardinal Center Boardroom

1490 N. Oak Road, Davison

CLOSED SESSION #1 REGARDING A STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER FOR

A STUDENT: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Karen Conover, to convene into closed session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss a student disciplinary matter. The student's parents requested the matter be heard in closed session, which is allowed under Section 8[b] of Michigan's Open Meetings Act. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-yes, 0-no. No action was taken during closed session.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Granger Stefanko, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

STUDENT #1 (Regarding the first disciplinary matter heard.): Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Karen Conover, that the first student brought before the Board tonight be expelled from the Davison Community Schools due to a violation of the student code of conduct. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

CLOSED SESSION #2 REGARDING A SECOND DISCIPLINARY MATTER FOR

A STUDENT: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Granger Stefanko, to convene into closed session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a second disciplinary matter involving a student. The student's parent requested the matter be heard in closed session, which is allowed under Section 8[b] of Michigan's Open Meetings Act. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-yes, 0-no. No action was taken during closed session.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Karen Conover, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 8:14 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

STUDENT #2 (Regarding second disciplinary matter heard.): Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Karen Conover, that the second student brought before the Board tonight be expelled from the Davison Community Schools for violation of the student code of conduct. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Matthew Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:


Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Davison Board of Education