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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, March 4, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Davison High School Auditorium

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Hensley
Holly Halabicky
Kurtis McMahan
Diane Rhines
Matthew Smith
Granger Stefanko

MEMBER ABSENT: Karen Conover

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 HR and Operations
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Director
Keri Collins, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal
Andrew Criswell, Thomson Elementary Principal
Andrea Ferguson, High School Assistant Principal
TJ Fischhaber, DAE Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Verle Gilbert, Hahn Intermediate Principal
Natalie Miller, Gates Elementary Principal
Josie Paquette, Middle School Principal
Jerry Piger, High School Principal
Melissa Williams, Central Elementary Principal

STAFF: Jenny Balabon, Alicia Bautista, Eric Chorley, Jodee Collick, Amy Cottrill, Mike Crongeyer, Sarah Driskill, Kelly Fritz, Ashley Gidcumb, Matt Giguere, Katie Gist, Becky Helms, Mackenzie Hodack, Tiffany Hopper, Sarah Howes, Camille Jones, Lauren Jones, Melissa Jones, Kristin Kneff, Robert Konzman, Gessica LaRocque, Rachel Lewandowski, Staci Maule, Cynthia McCollum, Whitney McKenna, Katherine Owen, Nicole Owen, Isabella Packwood, Tiffany Packwood, Kelly Pierson, Suzanne Richards, Katie Rivette, Kevin Roberts, Angie Rogers, Anthony Schaaf, Ann Seeley, Shawna Shorkey, Allison Smith, Julie VanEvery, Emily Williams

OTHER GUESTS: Fatuma Adem, Angela Aguilar, Nathan Aguilar, Jeremy Balabon, Rebecca Bennett, Jason Crum, Michelle Crum,

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Mohammedamin Ebrahim, Sandy Glish, Maria Giacalone, Tucker Gidcumb, Heather Giguere, Erika Glasco, Josh Legant, Amber Locke, Mary Margaret Gleason, Victoria Hall, Mark Kyle, Kourtney LaFayette, Kristin Lupro, Michael McCollum, Shannon McKee, Elizabeth Minto, Autumn Nagy, Zachary Nagy, Joe Owczarski, Nicole Pardee, Miranda Pinester, Maria Rich, Kirstie Richard, Roy Richard, Gregg Richards, Andrea Sanson, Carol Schafer, Vinnie Torres, Bobbi Victory, Sam Wolcott, Wendy Wolcott

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Early Learning Director Melanie Berry and students from Cardinal's Nest and GSRP. Two to three students were chosen from each class based on their ability to follow the Cardinal Code consistently each day. They have diligently practiced reciting the Pledge for tonight's meeting and are very excited to participate.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the consent agenda which includes items 1 to 4 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the regular and closed session minutes for the previous meeting of February 5, 2024. Approval of the minutes distributed for committee meetings held since the February 5 Board meeting.

2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through February 29:

   AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund: $1,915,595.38

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report through February 29, 2024.

4. **Approval of Personnel Report**

The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations:

- **Kids First Award Recognition:** Davison Middle School Resource Officer Matt Giguere was honored as our March "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. Once a month, the building principal will submit one name for that month's drawing. This month, we are pleased to recognize Pastor Jason Crum.

- **SAT Presentation:** The SAT Suite of Assessments is going digital this year! Davison High School Assistant Principal Andrea Ferguson presented on SAT and what the district is doing to prepare our students for the many changes from the paper to digital version. She will include a brief comparison of the old versus new version so that Board members are informed about the layout and components of the digital SAT.

From the Public: Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. Roy Richards asked members to reconsider the tradition of allowing only Board members to hand out diplomas at graduation. Secretary Alicia Hensley read a letter from Bob Beckelic acknowledging Board members for their dedication and helping to make our district one of the best.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO HOUSTON FOR THE ROBOTICS TEAM: House of Cards FRC Team 3534 Coach Gina Rose requested the Board's authorization to plan a trip to Houston, Texas from April 16-22, 2024 for nine students to attend the FRC World Championship. Details of the trip were provided. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the overnight trip for our Robotics Team in Houston, Texas should they make it to the World's competition. The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF TRIP TO PUERTO RICO FOR STUDENTS IN THE SPANISH PROGRAM: Spanish Teacher Lindsay Gokey requested the Board's authorization to plan a trip to Puerto Rico in February 2025 for approximately 16-26 students. Details of the trip were provided to Board members. Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Matthew Smith, to approve the above-mentioned trip to Puerto Rico. The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF ACC MATERIALS: The ACC has approved textbook and curriculum resource proposals for the 2024/2025 school year. These proposed materials were reviewed and supported by the Board Curriculum Committee. The details, outlined in a memorandum from Director of Curriculum Dr. Angela Hards, was included and the Board was provided the opportunity to review bound related supportive material. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Matthew Smith, to approve the textbook and curriculum resource proposal for the 2024/2025 school year. Motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A SPECIAL EDUCATION LIFT BUS: Bids for the purchase of a special education lift bus were received. Director of Operations Christine Kuzinski's recommendation memorandum was provided to Board members. The Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met on February 28, 2024 and reviewed the qualified bids. The committee supports awarding the bid to Hoekstra Transportation in accordance with their low base bid to purchase the bus in the amount of $42,700.00. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve the purchase of a special education lift bus. The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Matthew Smith, to gratefully accept the following contributions and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Andrew and Stephanie Thomas made a monetary donation to the Davison High School to purchase shirts for the Science Olympiad team.
- Jim and Kay Shepherd, Tom and Kathy Tuttle, Ev Ailing, Jody Baldridge, Tammy Heavner and Matt Lobban made a monetary donation to the DHS golf program in memory of John Bale.
- Jim and Kay Shepherd and Tom and Kathy Tuttle made a momentary donation to the DHS National Honor Society in memory of Wayne Desjarlais.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

<u>From the Superintendent</u>

- Spring is in the air and with that comes the end of the winter sports season. The wrestling team made it to State semi-finals. Twelve students went to the State finals and of these students, eight placed and two made it to become individual state champions. The boys bowling team were runners-up in the state finals and one student made All-State. We have 18 powerlifters going to State finals; this is the most ever. Spring sport tryouts begin next week.
- DHS string orchestra, symphonic orchestra, concert band and wind ensemble performed at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association festival this past weekend. All four groups received all 1's from every adjudicator for their performances.

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Special Board Meeting Monday, May 20, 2024

- A special board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024 to discuss the superintendent's evaluation at 6:00 p.m. in the Cardinal Center Boardroom.

Other Matters Which May Properly Come Before the Board (from Board members)

- Trustee Matthew Smith shared about his recent trip to Washington, D.C., applauded the district, prayed, and recognized March is Reading Month.

Future Meeting Date:

Monday, March 11, 2024
Disciplinary Hearing
5:00 p.m.
Cardinal Center Boardroom
1490 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

Monday, April 8, 2024
Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 p.m.
DHS Auditorium
1250 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

CLOSED SESSION #1 REGARDING A PETITION FOR STUDENT REINSTATEMENT: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Matthew Smith, to convene into closed session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss a petition for student reinstatement. 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 was carried with a roll call vote of 6-yes, 0-no. No action was taken during closed session.

REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

STUDENT RECORD #1): Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, that the student brought before the Board tonight be would not be fully reinstated, but would have a conditional reinstatement and be allowed to attend commencement rehearsal, breakfast and the graduation ceremony. Student is not allowed to attend prom. The student will continue his classes online. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT THRUN LAW ATTORNEY ROB DIETZEL AS FACILITATOR FOR THE SECOND REINSTATMENT PETITION: Moved by Granger Stefanko, seconded by Matthew Smith, to approve Attorney Rob Diezel as facilitator for the second reinstatement petition. Motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

CLOSED SESSION #2 TO CONSIDER A SECOND PETITION FOR STUDENT REINSTATEMENT: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Matthew Smith, to convene into closed session at 7:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a second student reinstatement petition. 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.

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The motion was carried with a roll call vote of 6-yes, 0-no. No action was taken in closed session.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Matthew Smith, seconded by Kurtis McMahan, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 8:13 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

STUDENT RECORD #2: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, that the second student brought before the Board tonight not be reinstated to the Davison Community Schools. he student will continue his classes online. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

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Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Davison Board of Education