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## DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### Board of Education

Monday, March 7, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Auditorium

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Conover  
Nicholas Goyette  
Eric Lieske  
Diane Rhines  
Matthew Smith  
Granger Stefanko

**ABSENT:** Stefanie Pickell

**ADMINISTRATION:** Kevin Brown, Superintendent  
Matt Lobban, Assistant Superintendent  
Amy Chorley, Director of Student Services  
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information  
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum  
Phil Thom, Executive Director of Operations  
Leslie Young, Director of Business Services  
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Director  
Keri Collins, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal  
Andrea Ferguson, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal  
Verle Gilbert, Hahn Intermediate Principal  
Ron Jacobs, High School Principal  
Christine Kuzinski, Central Elementary Principal  
Natalie Miller, Thomson Elementary Principal  
Josie Paquette, Middle School Principal  
Jerry Piger, Alternative Education Principal  
Theresa Wendt, Gates Elementary Principal

**STAFF:** Heidi Alcodray, Alicia Bautista, Carrie Blazen, Eric Chorley, Julie Crockett, Jodi Doherty, Dena Downey, Abigail Ganabathi, Sara Harris, Heather Janiga, Chris Lesko, Kevin Roberts, Angie Rogers, Amanda Tanner, Julie VanEvery, Amy Walker, Rachel Wheaton

**OTHER GUESTS:** Danielle Adams, Bob Beckelic, Tiffany Bishop, John Bishop, Erinn Bray, Peggy Bray, Ron Bray, Daniel Clugston, Jordon Davis, Todd Ferguson, Joi Hampton, Don Harris, Emma Harris, Alicia Hensley, David Huffman, Tiffany Huffman, Sandra Jobin, Rita Jones, Patti Keifer, Brian Kosbar, Marcia Kosbar, Sherry Marden, Kalsie Mathews, Harlie Matthews, Justin Miller, Eileen Miner, Carrissa Myers, Ian Myers, Jeff

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**From the Public:** Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board.

Bob Beckelic expressed his gratitude for school returning to normal and thanked staff for doing a terrific job.

Sherry Marden thanked board members for meeting in the auditorium and expressed how nice it was to see the children leading the Pledge.

Justin Miller expressed concern about middle school students watching CNN 10 during history class.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to be read.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF IDEA:** Genesee Intermediate School District Superintendent, Dr. Steven Tunnicliff, asked that local district's boards of education consider passing a resolution advocating for full funding of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). As the special education population and the costs of educating special needs students continues to increase, it is important that districts receive full IDEA funding. There was discussion and questions were asked. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Nicholas Goyette, to pass a resolution to support full funding of IDEA. Motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

- New Technology Cabling for Davison High School, Weinstein Electric, \$105,899.
- District-Wide LED Lighting Upgrades, Walker Electric, \$352,360; Davison High School Gym, \$65,850.
- Davison High School Summer Abatement, Certified Abatement, \$608,000.
- High School and Performing Arts Center Wi-Fi Installation and Upgrades, Vector Tech Group, \$82,441.

Bids were received for the above mentioned projects. Executive Director of Operations Phil Thom provided a memorandum along with recommendation letters from our lead consultants for each project. The Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met on February 16, 2022 and reviewed the bids and recommendations. The committee supports awarding the bids as recommended above. There was discussion and questions were answered. Moved by Eric Lieske, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve these bids. Motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO PUERTO RICO FOR SPANISH PROGRAM**

**STUDENTS:** High School Spanish Teacher Lindsay Gokey requested the Board's authorization to plan a trip to Puerto Rico from February 18-22, 2023 for 16-24 high school Spanish program students. Details of the trip were provided. Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Nicholas Goyette, to approve the overnight trip to Puerto Rico for students in the Spanish program. The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

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**APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP TO HOUSTON FOR THE ROBOTICS TEAM:**

House of Cards FRC Team 3534 Coach Chris Purdy requested the Board's authorization to plan a trip to Houston, Texas from April 19-24, 2022 for 20 students to attend the FRC World Championship. Details of the trip were provided. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Nicholas Goyette, to approve the overnight trip for our Robotics Team in Houston, Texas. The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF ACC MATERIALS:** Advisory Curriculum Council (ACC) has approved textbook and curriculum resource proposals for the 2022-2023 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 Nicholas Goyette, supported by Matthew Smith, to approve the textbook and curriculum resource proposal for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

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

- Mark Owen of Meemic Insurance donated three \$100 Visa gift cards in support of the Kids First Award program.
- Davison Education Association (DEA) donated \$500 to Thomson Elementary to purchase books for our new incoming kindergarten students.

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**From the Superintendent**

- It has been an amazing couple of weeks athletically for the district. On February 26 our wrestlers brought home the Division I State Championship for the second consecutive year beating Detroit Catholic Central. Davison's Josh Barr, ranked number two in the state, defeated number one ranked Manny Rojas to seal the victory for the Cardinals. Four Davison wrestlers won individual state championships. Both the boys and girls bowling teams competed for State Championships and made it to the Final Four. Emma Siekierski won an individual state championship.
- March is Reading Month. Mr. Brown had the pleasure of reading, "The Book with No Pictures" to students at Gates Elementary. Assistant Superintendent Matt Lobban and School Police Liaison Officer Kevin Roberts also had the opportunity to read to elementary students.

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

- There were no comments made by the Board.

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**Future Meeting Date:**

Monday, April 11, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
Davison High School Auditorium  
1250 N Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

**CLOSED SESSION:** Moved by Matthew Smith, seconded by Granger Stefanko, to convene into closed session at 7:35 pm for the purpose of discussing a student disciplinary matter. The student's parents requested the student disciplinary hearing take place in closed session which is allowed under Section 8[b] of Michigan's Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no. No action was taken during closed session.

**OPEN SESSION:** Moved by Matthew Smith, seconded by Granger Stefanko, to return to regular session at 8:39 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

**STUDENT EXPULSION (Regarding student disciplinary matter heard):** Moved by Eric Lieske, supported by Diane Rhines, that the student brought before the Board tonight be permanently expelled from the Davison Community Schools due to violation of the student code of conduct and the State of Michigan weapons law. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Eric Lieske, supported by Granger Stefanko, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Rhines  
Diane Rhines, Secretary  
Davison Board of Education