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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, September 9, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Cardinal Station Ballroom

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 Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum Christine Kuzinski, Director of HR & Operations Jerry Piger, Davison High School Principal
STAFF:	Jodi Aboneaaj, Chris Lesko, Kevin Roberts, Anthony Schaaf, Garth Starr
OTHER GUESTS:	Suzanne Adam, Connie Green, Erika Glasco, Shannon McKee

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 Cardinal Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Teacher Cadet Coordinator Jodi Aboneaaj and students from the program. The mission of the Davison Teacher Cadet Program is to provide high school students with classroom and field experiences that will enable them to make informed decisions regarding careers in education. This year, there are 25 teacher cadets who will be working in classrooms throughout 8 of our district buildings, ranging from Kindergarten all the way to high school. Students spend a two-hour block of their day helping the classroom teacher in various roles.

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 Granger Stefanko, supported by Karen Conover, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Karen Conover, to approve the consent agenda included items 1-4 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes for the previous regular Board meeting of August 5, 2024. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since August 5, 2024.

2. **Presentation of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of bills through August 31:

   AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund,
   Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund: $ 1,777,944.96

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of Treasurer's Report for the month of August.

4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through September 5, 2024.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Public:

Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. Suzanne Adam voiced concern regarding the overall appearance of the high school.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read.

ACTION ITEMS:

GRADUATION CEREMONY DATES AND TIMES: Administrative staff proposed that Davison High School graduation be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center and that Alternative Education graduation be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m. in the Davison High School Performing Arts Center. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the dates and locations for graduation as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF THE 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP: Middle School Teacher Janet Green requested the Board's authorization to plan a field trip May 22-25, 2025 to Washington D.C. for any interested 8th grade student. Details about the proposed trip were previously provided to Board members. There was discussion and questions were answered. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip on May 22-25, 2025. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND, ORCHESTRA AND VOCAL MUSIC NEW YORK TRIP: High School Band, Orchestra and Vocal Music Teachers Caleb Goncz and Garth Starr requested the Board's authorization to plan a trip May 8-11, 2025 to New York City. Details regarding the proposed trip were provided to Board members. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve the Davison High School Band, Orchestra and Vocal Music trip to New York City May 8-11, 2025. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Per the updates in the master agreement with the DEA, a Professional Development Committee needs to be created. The purpose of the committee is to discuss PD opportunities to meet teachers' needs as well as to review the District's Continuous Improvement Plan. The committee will meet the requirements outlined in the Pupil Accounting Manual when offering professional development as instructional time. Davison will use this flexibility to substitute eight hours of instructional time for professional development during the 2024/2025 school year. There was discussion and questions were answered. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Granger Stefanko, for the approval of a Professional Development Advisory committee during the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT GATES: Bids were received for the replacement of two boilers at Gates Elementary. Director of Operations Christine Kuzinski provided a recommendation, minutes and bid tabulation from the bid opening. The Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met on September 6 and reviewed these documents. The committee supported awarding the bid as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the low bid from Goyette Mechanical in the amount of $139,950 to be paid out of the site sinking fund. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY MEMBER TO DAVISON COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AND RECREATION: Each year Davison Township, the City of Davison and Davison Community Schools are asked to appoint a representative to the Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation program advisory board. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Diane Rhines, to appoint Skip Konkle to serve as the representative for the 2024/2025 school year. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATIONS FOR THE MASB ASSEMBLY: The annual MASB Delegate Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. At this session, MASB will affirm the organization's official positions on a variety of issues affecting education. Based on our district's enrollment, we are entitled to send four voting delegates and four alternates to the Delegate Assembly. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Granger Stefanko, that any Davison Board member planning to attend the MASB Annual Fall Conference in October be designated as a delegate for the 2024 Delegate Assembly. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

- The Davison Optimist Club donated 80 supply-filled backpacks for students in grades K-12 who are in need.
- Rusty and Elizabeth Elias, Davison Jimmy Johns, donated the cost of enrollment into the Ron Clark Academy for two elementary teachers. The Academy is located in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Dolly Bertsch, GLP & Associates, donated $100 to help offset costs for the District's Welcome Back lunch.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

We are thankful for a good start to the school year. The district's first early release day is scheduled for Wednesday and will provide professional development opportunities to staff. Homecoming is on Friday, September 20. Line-up for the parade starts at 4:00 p.m. in front of the high school. The parade begins at 5:00 with the football game following at 7:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Smith stated that the revised location of the Board meeting was not indicated on the website, but was posted at the front door of the Cardinal Center. He noted Mrs. Adams' comments.

Future Meeting Date:

Monday, October 7, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Location: To be determined

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Matthew Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Davison Board of Education