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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, October 7, 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 of Schools
Christine Kuzinski, Director of HR and Operations
Amy Chorley, Executive Director of Student Services
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information
Josh Evans, Director of Business Services
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum
Dana Melaragni, Director of Special Education
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Director
Jennifer Burke, Hill Elementary Principal
Andrew Criswell, Thomson Elementary Principal
Cayla Dowdall, DMS Assistant 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: Andrea Bell, Kristen Bluhm, Katie Bradburn, Megan Campbell, Eric Chorley, Lauren and Mike Crongeyer, Kayla Driskell, Lisa Duprey, Nick Eashoo, James Emmerling, Erika Fredwall, Kelly Fritz, Lindsay Gokey, Ryan Gorton, Meagan Harpst, Becky Helms, McKenzie Lange, Ron Lawson, Chris Lesko, Kalsie Matthews, Erin Mohrman, Kevin Roberts, Joanie Rusinek, Anthony Schaaf, Alexis Schaepkens, Nancy Schultz-Speck, Caitlin Smith, Autumn Steinke, Janelle Stokes, Stephanie Sudz, Courtney Thorsby, Amy Unger, Rachel Wheaton, Kristine White, Michelle Zimmerman

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OTHER GUESTS: Fatuma Adem, Bob Beckelic, Andy Campbell, Serge Casey, Mohammadamin Ebrahim, Sue Forys, Mary Dow, Amanda Forys, Booker Fritz, Jessica and Rocky Gilbert, Erika Glasco, Ken Herman, Jordan Jennings, Susan Johnson, Maggy Lennox, Don Maples, Tiffany Maples, J. McComb, Shannon McKee, Mark Minor, Joe Murphy, Krysten Ohlsson, Ranee Pearson, Elisabeth and Josh Rhein, Courtney Rose, Dana Rouse, Rita Rouse, Craig Schaepkens, Jill Siterlet, Lindsey Spiewak, Bailey Swenor, Dave Unger, Ken Unger, Theresa Unger, Ben Vick, Lindsey Wheaton, Haily Willford, Melissa and David Williams

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 Ballroom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hill Elementary student leaders along with Principal Jen Burke, Head Teacher Lisa DuPrey and 4th Grade Teacher Kristine White. This group of 32 students exhibit leadership in various roles as members of our first marking period safety patrol, student council board members and classroom representatives. The students will recite the Pledge of Allegiance and provide a brief description of their role as student leaders.

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

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from the previous regular meeting of September 9, 2024. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the September 9, 2024 Board meeting.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through September 30:

AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund: \$2,213,55.98
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report through September 30, 2024.

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4. **Monthly Personnel Reports:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through October 3, 2024.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations:

KIDS FIRST AWARD RECOGNITION: Siple Elementary Teacher Kelly Fritz was honored as our October "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 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 were pleased to recognize Rita Rouse.

CARDINAL KID AWARD: Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the Davison Educational Foundation is proudly sponsoring the "Cardinal Kid" award. Each month, October through June, one student from Davison Community Schools will be selected as the Cardinal Kid winner for their efforts to better the community. Each recipient will be honored at a Board of Education meeting and receive \$100 for themselves and \$100 to donate to their worthy cause. Tonight, we honored Davison High School Senior, Declan Siterlet.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHERS: Superintendent Matt Lobban, Director of Human Resources Christine Kuzinski and the building principals have worked diligently for several months to identify and hire high quality teachers for Davison students. They are pleased with the quality of teachers hired by the District and will introduce the following new staff members to you this evening:

Kristen Bluhm	1st Grade Teacher	Siple
Katie Bradburn	Kindergarten Teacher	Siple
Kayla Driskell	Kindergarten Teacher	Siple
Nicholas Eashoo	PE Teacher	DMS
James Emmerling	Curriculum Coordinator	Central
Erica Fredwall	6th Grade Teacher	Hahn
Brianna Gable	3rd Grade Teacher	Siple
Melissa Gay	6th Grade Teacher	Hahn
Ryan Gorton	5th Grade Teacher	Hahn
Evelyn Harig	PE Teacher	Siple
McKenzie Lange	5th Grade Teacher	Hahn

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Ronald Lawson-Sliwinski	Resource Room Teacher	DMS
Kalsie Mathews	Resource Room Teacher	Hahn
Erin Mohrman	Art Teacher	DMS
Joan Rusinek	Physical Science Teacher	DHS
Nancy Schultz-Speck	Librarian	DHS
Caitlin Smith	DK Teacher	Thomson
Autumn Steinke	Resource Room Teacher	Hill
Stephanie Sudz	4th Grade Teacher	Gates
Courtney Thorsby	5th Grade Teacher	Hahn
Michelle Zimmerman	Art Teacher	DAE

STUDENT ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND GRADUATION RATES: Director of Curriculum Dr. Angela Hards and Assessment Coordinator Eric Chorley presented results of the 2023/2024 MSTEP, PSAT and SAT testing along with a graduation rate update to Board members.

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

Bob Beckelic made comments.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read.

ACTION ITEMS:

RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPALS: October is National Principals month. The Davison Community Schools is extremely fortunate to have such a great group of principals, assistant principals, and dean of students leading our schools. Board members were asked to recognize October as National Principals Month in Davison. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Karen Conover, to acknowledge these staff members and recognize October as National Principals Month in Davison. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL TO USE EIGHT QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS TO COUNT AS HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2024-2025 CALENDAR: The Board of Education approved the development of a Professional Development Committee at their September 9, 2024 meeting. On September 26, the committee met to review recommendations for each professional development session. The QPD hours will be completed after students are released early on February 26, March 19, April 23 and May 14 and meet the criteria outlined in the Master Agreement and the Pupil Accounting Manual. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Matthew Smith, to approve eight hours of Qualified Professional Development to be counted as hours of instruction for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried with a vote of 7-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:

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- An anonymous family donated \$1,200 to Hill Elementary to fund a field trip for second and third grade students to visit Porter's Orchard.
- First Baptist Church in Davison donated cause and effect learning items to Thomson Elementary to help support students in the classroom.
- The Boldt Family Fund donated a \$500 grant as recommended by DHS Alumni Mike Perry through his employer. Mr. Perry was selected to participate in the company's 135 Thanks celebration. The donation will be used to benefit students through the Cardinals Care Fund.
- VG's held an in-store promotion where customers donated Little Debbie snack cakes and boxes of tissue during a Back-to-School drive. Little Debbies will be placed in school food pantries at DHS, DAE and DMS and the tissues will be donated to school buildings.

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

From the Superintendent:

Superintendent Lobban thanked the administrative team for their leadership and gave kudos to staff and students during the unfortunate event that took place last week. Debriefing of the incident has taken place. Mr. Lobban wanted to assure everyone that the District will always put the safety of staff and students first.

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

There were no comments made by Board members.

Future Meeting Dates:

Monday, October 21, 2024
Special Disciplinary Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Cardinal Center Boardroom
1490 N. Oak Road, Davison

Monday, November 4, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Location to be Determined

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING A STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Karen Conover, to convene into closed session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss a student disciplinary matter. 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.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Karen Conover, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 7:23 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

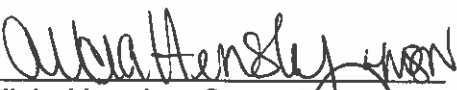
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ACTION TAKEN REGARDING STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER HEARD:

Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, that the 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.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Matthew Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:


Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Davison Board of Education