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# DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Board of Education

Monday, December 2, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Davison High School Performing Arts Center

**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
Joshua Evans, Director of Business Services
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum
Christine Kuzinski, Director of Human Resources/Operations
Dana Melaragni, Director of Student Services
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Administrator
Jennifer Burke, Hill Elementary Principal
Keri Collins, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal
Andrew Criswell, Thomson Elementary Principal
TJ Fischhaber, DAE Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Natalie Miller, Gates Elementary Principal
Josie Paquette, Middle School Principal
Jerry Piger, High School Principal
Melissa Williams, Central Elementary Principal

**STAFF:** Amy Hyrman, Chris Lesko, Stacy Maule, Cindy McCollum, Michael McCollum, Kevin Roberts, Anthony Schaaf, Garth Starr, Emily Williams, Michelle Wilson

**OTHER GUESTS:** Bob Beckelic, Stefan Blazen, Jacob Congdon, Marilee Dickinson, Nicole Ferguson, Todd Ferguson, Jason Ford, Don Garrison, Julie Gerecke, Sandy Glish, Gary Gould, James Hajdo, Katie Johnson, Larry LaFerriere, Rob Malcomnson, Jesus Frias Martinez, Shannon McKee, Eileen Minier, Bree Moore, Curtis Moorman, Josh Morris, Amanda Murdock, Melissa Murray, Rachel Mushlock, Brett Phillips, Becky Rapacz, Tim Rapacz, Cindy Raymond, Glenn Smith, Lindsay Sims, Lindsey Spiewak, Gerald Stieger, Amy Surface, John Walsh, Kellye Walsh, Ben Vick, Sam Wolcott

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**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 Performing Arts Center.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Davison Middle School Principal Josie Paquette and the Mezzo Voce student singing group. Mezzo Voce ("meht-soh voh-chay" Italian for "middle voices") was created in 2016 as an avenue for gifted and talented musicians in 6th-8th grade to share their song in the local community and statewide. This year, Mr. Starr and Miss Wilson decided to invite 9th graders who were former members to sing in this year's ensemble. Singers grow in their ability to use vocal technique and music knowledge to move the hearts of their audience. The unity and community that Mezzo Voce singers experience in rehearsals and concerts make for a truly unforgettable singing experience.

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-5 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the open and closed session minutes for the previous special board meeting of November 4, 2024. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings received since the November 4, 2024 Board meeting.

2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through November 22:

   AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund,
   Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund: $1,000,878.41

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 22.

4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through November 25, 2024.

5. **Approval of the 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 was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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## COMMUNICATIONS:

### Special Presentations

**KIDS FIRST AWARD RECOGNITION**: Gates Elementary Teacher Cindy McCollum was honored as our December "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 employee and names are given to their building principal. Once a month, the building principal can submit one name for that month's drawing. This month, we were pleased to recognize Jason Ford.

**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 his/her 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. Jesus Frias Martinez, a teacher cadet and senior at Davison High School was honored.

**RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS:** This was the last Board meeting for Karen Conover and Matthew Smith. Mrs. Conover was honored for 36.5 years of service to the district and Matthew Smith was honored for serving 6 years.

**From the Public:** Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. No one from the public chose to speak.

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

## ACTION ITEMS:

**APPROVAL OF COUNTY-WIDE SAFETY PLAN:** In December of 2018, the Michigan legislature passed a package of laws in order to facilitate greater school safety statewide. As a part of those new laws, by January 1, 2025 a school district "shall develop an emergency operations plan (EOP) for each school building operated by the school district." Genesee County has been very proactive in emergency planning. Working with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and the GISD, we have had a county wide safety plan in place for years that has been reviewed and updated annually. The Board first approved the District's Emergency Operations Plan in July of 2019 and were asked to reaffirm its approval of the District's Emergency Operations Plan.

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A copy of the plan was previously shared with all Board members. There was discussion and questions were answered. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Matthew Smith, to reaffirm its approval of the District's Emergency Operations Plan. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF CARDINAL STATION STORAGE BARN PROJECT:** Bids were received for the pole-style storage building at Cardinal Station. Included was a recommendation from Director of Operations Christine Kuzinski, which included minutes from the bid opening and a bid tabulation. The Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met on November 27 and reviewed the bid documents. The committee supported awarding the low bid as recommended. Motion by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve the bid from J.G. Morris, Jr., Inc. in the amount of $317,500.00 to be paid out of site sinking funds. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT DAVISON AREA RECREATION PLAN:** The Davison Area Recreation Plan is up for renewal. The City of Davison and Davison Township partner with the Davison Community Schools to develop the Davison Area Recreation Plan. A copy of the plan was shared with Board members. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the resolution to adopt the Davison Area Recreation Plan. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

- Trinity Quilters donated 18 handmade quilts to the Davison Community Schools. The quilts will be given to students in need of warm bedding.
- Richfield Reaching Methodist Church donated eight boxes of shoes, four bags of hats and gloves and one bag of leggings to Siple Elementary.
- First Baptist Church donated developmentally appropriate toys for the ECSE classroom at Thomson Elementary.
- The Fraternal Order of Police donated $1,000 to a family in need of housing.
- Andrew and Stephanie Thomas donated uniforms for the Science Olympiad competitions to help support team members who need assistance with the cost.
- An anonymous donation of $150 was given to the Cardinal Care Fund in honor of Karen Conover's service to the district.

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

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**From Our Superintendent:**

On Thursday, the district will host the Shop with a Hero event where students are assigned to an officer or first responder to shop for family members. The Cool to Care campaign and Pile the Aisle toy drive are wrapping up. Superintendent Lobban thanked staff and the community for finding creative ways to help meet the needs of our students.

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

There were no comments from the Board of Education.

**Future Meeting Date:**

Monday, January 13, 2025
6:00 p.m.
DHS Performing Arts Center
1250 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

**CLOSED SESSION:** Moved by Granger Stefanko, seconded by Karen Conover, to convene into closed session at 6:41 p.m. to conduct a hearing to consider a disciplinary matter involving a student which is allowed under Section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. No action was taken during closed session.

**REGULAR SESSION:** Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Matthew Smith, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 7:16 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**STUDENT EXPULSION (Regarding student disciplinary matter heard):** Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, that the student brought before the Board tonight be expelled from 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 Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Davison Board of Education