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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, March 3, 2025
6:00 p.m.
DHS Performing Arts Center

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Holly Halabicky
Alicia Hensley
Shannon McKee
Kurtis McMahan
Diane Rhines
Granger Stefanko
Ben Vick

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
Dana Melaragni, Director of Special Education
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Director
Jennifer Burke, Hill Elementary Principal
Keri Collins, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal
Andrew Criswell, Thomson Elementary Principal
Cayla Dowdall, Davison Middle School Assistant Principal
TJ Fischhaber, DAE Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Verle Gilbert, Hahn Intermediate Principal
Natalie Miller, Gates Elementary Principal
Josie Paquette, Davison Middle School Principal
Jerry Piger, Davison High School Principal
Amy Renye, Hahn Dean of Students
Melissa Williams, Central Elementary Principal

STAFF:
Heidi Alcodray, Mariah Bailey, Brittany Brow, Eric Chorley, Julie Crockett, James Emmerling, Desirae Flores, Mackenzie Hodack, Lisa Johnson, Cami Jones, Gesicca La Rocque,Tom Oddi, Katherine Owen, Nicole Owen, Katie Rivette, Kevin Roberts, Angie Rogers, Anthony Schaaf, Devon Teague, Christy Turner, Carol Wilson

OTHER GUESTS:
Ashley Adolph, Trevor Adolph, Kristin Anderson, Ashley Babcock, Dustin Bannister, Valerie Beard, Josh Bearss, Will Beedy, Melissa Blosser, Cheyenne Cherubini, Allyvia Davis, Hillary DeLoge, Ashlie Dortch, Marista Dryden,

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Christiane & Cameron Fletcher, Jason Gatica, Erica and Steve Graska, Christina Guster, Sherri Guster, Megan Hayes, Travis Howell, Chris Johnson, Greg Kalisz, Annelies & James Kinzie, Heather & Kenneth Laetz, Jane Mager, Tonya Martin, Jerry Ostrander, Edward & Peggy Pacheco, Spencer Pins, Ciara Reid, Jeff Reid, Monica Rodriguez, Seth & Angela Ruddock, Steve & Brenda Ruddock, Jodi Sturk, Kurtis Sturk, Raysha & Matthew Taylor, Josh & Katie Verbruggen, Kelly Young, Ethan & Kate Welch, Austin Williams, Bruce Williams, Sandra Williams, Tara Williams, Carol Wilson, Jeremy Wilson

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Students from each class at Central GSRP and Cardinal's Nest were selected to lead the Pledge based on the fact that they consistently follow the Cardinal Code. This is a big deal for students at such a young age. They are already showing strong character and leadership skills!

ROLL CALL: Robin Ricica read the roll. Members present: Holly Halabicky, Alicia Hensley, Shannon McFee, Kurtis McMahan, Diane Rhines, Granger Stefanko, Ben Vick

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Ben Vick, 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 3, 2025. Approval of the minutes distributed for committee meetings held since the February 3 Board meeting.

2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through February 21:

   AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund: $1,586,307.59

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report through February 21, 2025.

4. **Approval of Personnel Report**

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

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations:

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 are pleased to recognize Travis Howell.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF HERO: On Tuesday, February 4, Hahn Paraprofessional Lisa Johnson used the Heimlich maneuver on one of her students after he began to choke during lunch. The student sought help from Mrs. Johnson. He turned his back to her and she quickly performed the Heimlich maneuver. The food was successfully dislodged and the student is doing well. She was truly amazing and quite possibly saved the student that day. Lisa was honored for her life-saving action.

CTE PRESENTATION: Career Technical Education (CTE), is an educational approach that equips students with practical skills and knowledge in specific career fields. Centered around career pathways, work-based learning, industry certifications and college & career readiness, CTE combines academic learning with hands-on training to prepare students for high-demand jobs, postsecondary education, or apprenticeships. CTE & Early College Administrator Tom Oddi shared with us information about and the success of the CTE programs offered in Davison Community Schools.

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

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read.

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 16-20, 2025 for nine students to attend the FRC World Championship. Details of the trip were provided. Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve the overnight trip for our Robotics Team in Houston, Texas. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF POWERLIFTING TEAM OVERNIGHT TRIP: The Powerlifting coach requested the Board's authorization to plan a trip to Appleton, Wisconsin for eight students to compete in Nationals from March 19-24, 2025. Details of the trip have been provided. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the overnight trip for our Powerlifting Team in Appleton, Wisconsin. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF ACC MATERIALS: The ACC has approved textbook and curriculum resource proposals for the 2025-2026 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 supportive materials. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the textbook and curriculum resource proposal for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FULL, PERMANENT FUNDING OF THE IDEA ACT: The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was passed in 1975 to guarantee funding to ensure that every child with a disability has access to a high-quality education. Research shows that increased education funding positively affects academic performance, increases graduation rates and impacts future earnings for all students. The attached resolution calls on congress to pass the IDEA Act which would create a 10-year mandatory path to fully fund IDEA and calls on the state legislature to provide adequate and sustainable funding increases to school districts. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Ben Vick, to support the resolution to approve the full, permanent funding of the IDEA Act. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SCHOOL BUSES: Director of Operations Christine Kuzinski received bids for the procurement of two (2) pre-owned school buses with wheelchair lifts. The low sealed bid was received from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. in the amount of $79,896.00 per bus with a 60-month/unlimited mile engine and engine electronics including injectors warranty in the amount of $6,305 per bus. A memorandum from Christine Kuzinski to Superintendent Lobban and a bid tabulation was attached recommending this purchase. Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve the purchase of two (2) 2021 buses with wheelchair lifts with warranties from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. in the total amount of $172,402.00. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF KITCHEN RENOVATION AT HAHN INTERMEDIATE: Bids were received for the kitchen renovation project at Hahn Intermediate. Please see the bid tabulation and recommendation from Christine Kuzinski, Director of Operations. The Buildings/Grounds & Transportation Committee met on February 26 and reviewed the bids and recommendation. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the Kitchen Renovation at Hahn Intermediate awarding the low bid to Chef's Deal Restaurant Equipment Co. in the amount of $93,999.04 to be paid out of the excess food service fund balance in accordance with the low bid. 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:

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- Emma Delacourt donated 20 pairs of gloves to students in the GSRP program.
- Outreach East donated gloves, hats, scarves and snacks for students at Siple Elementary.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From the Superintendent

- It's a busy time of year! Spring Break is right around the corner which begins March 31. It is National Social Worker week and March is National Reading month. The district will celebrate in many different ways including Family Reading Nights, book fairs and guest readers. The superintendent highlighted the district's recent athletic accomplishments and gave accolades to these students.

- Superintendent Lobban asked for three Board members to volunteer to deliver diplomas at Davison Alternative Education graduation on June 11, 2025.

- A special Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025 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)

- There were no comments made by the Board.

Future Meeting Date:

Monday, Monday, April 14, 2025
Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:00 p.m.
DHS Performing Arts Center
1250 N. Oak Road

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:



Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Davison Board of Education