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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, September 8, 2025

6:00 p.m.

DHS Community Meeting Room

MINUTES

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

ADMINISTRATION: Matt Lobban, Superintendent
Amy Chorley, Asst. Superintendent of Student Services
Joshua Evans, Director of Business Services
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum
Christine Kuzinski, Director of Human Resources
Dana Melaragni, Director of Special Education
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Director
John Chesley, Hahn Dean of Students
Keri Collins, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal
Andrew Criswell, Thomson Elementary Principal
Cayla Dowdall, DMS Assistant Principal
TJ Fischhaber, DAE Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Verle Gilbert, Hahn Intermediate Principal
Natalie Miller, Gates Elementary Principal
Josie Paquette, DMS Principal
Jerry Piger, DHS Principal
Amy Renye, DMS Assistant Principal
Melissa Williams, Central Elementary Principal

STAFF: Chris Lesko, Anthony Schaaf, Dexter Taylor

OTHER GUESTS: Bob Beckelic, Jaime Beller, Ronald Uptegraff

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 Community Meeting room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Principal Jerry Piger and Co-Op Students placed in positions throughout the community including our own district offices.

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These students are building important skills in communication, organization and office management that will benefit them in their future careers.

ROLL CALL: Robin Ricica read the roll. Members present: Holly Halabicky, Alicia Hensley, Shannon McKee, 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 was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Ben Vick, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-4 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the regular minutes for the previous Board meeting of August 4, 2025. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since August 4, 2025.
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: \$1,790,095.35
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 3, 2025.

The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no, 2-abstained (Shannon McKee and Kurtis McMahan)

COMMUNICATIONS:

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:

GRADUATION CEREMONY DATES AND TIMES: Administrative staff proposed that Davison High School graduation be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Dort Financial Center and Davison Alternative Education graduation be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Ben Vick, to approve the dates and locations for graduation as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP: Middle School Teacher Janet Green requested the Board's authorization to plan a field trip May 21-24, 2026 to Washington D.C. for any interested 8th grade student. Details about the proposed trip were previously provided to Board members. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip from May 21-24, 2026. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL TO USE 12 QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS TO COUNT AS HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2025-2026 CALENDAR: The Board of Education approved creating a district Professional Development Committee at their September 9, 2024 meeting. This committee met on June 18, 2025 to review and finalize the professional development schedule for the upcoming 2025-26 school year. The QPD hours will be completed after students are released early on September 29, 2025 and February 23, 2026 and meet the criteria outlined in the Master Agreement and the Pupil Accounting Manual. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Ben Vick, to approve 12 hours of Qualified Professional Development to count as hours of instruction for the 2025-2026 school year. 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 Granger Stefanko, supported by Alicia Hensley, to appoint Skip Konkle as the representative for the 2025/2026 school year. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATIONS FOR 2025 MASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY: The annual MASB Delegate Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2025, 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 Kurtis McMahan, supported by Shannon McKee, that any Davison Board member planning to attend the MASB Annual Fall Conference in October be designated as a delegate for the 2025 Delegate Assembly. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

RESOLUTION URGING STATE LAWMAKERS TO PASS THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL AID BUDGET: Michigan Legislature failed to pass a School Aid Budget appropriation bill by the deadline of July 1. School districts were forced to adopt a budget for the 2025-2026 school year without key funding information due to the lack of a state budget. The continued delay in funding worsens the negative impacts on schools and ignores the critical needs of our students. Moved by Shannon McKee, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the attached resolution to urge state lawmakers to immediately pass a spending bill that fully allocates the entirety of funding meant for schools to support the needs of each student in Michigan. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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POTENTIAL IMPACT OF STATE BUDGET ON UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: Funding for Michigan's universal free school lunch program is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2025, with the end of the current School Aid budget. At this time, the Legislature has not finalized the 2025-2026 budget, and it remains uncertain whether funding for the program will be extended. If state funding is not renewed, the district will be required to reinstate student meal pricing, as calculated using the USDA's Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) tool, beginning October 1, 2025, to maintain the financial stability of food service operations. A memo outlining the rate breakdown has been provided for your review. There was discussion and questions were answered. Moved by Ben Vick, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve these lunch prices for the 2025-2026 school year, should reinstatement be necessary. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Shannon McKee, 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.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

We've had a great start to the school year, despite the road construction. September 17 will be our first Early Release Day. Homecoming Week begins September 22. The Powder Puff game will be held on Wednesday night. On Friday, the night begins with the homecoming parade, followed by the football game, Davison vs. Saginaw, and the crowning of our king and queen. The homecoming dance is on Saturday.

Registered voters will receive a mailing next week with information regarding the Building Site Sinking fund renewal on November 4.

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, October 6, 2025
6:00 p.m.
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1250 N. Oak Road, Davison

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ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Rhines
Diane Rhines, Treasurer
Davison Board of Education