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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, April 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.
DHS Community Meeting Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Halabicky
Alicia Hensley, arrived 6:19 p.m.
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
Josh Evans, Director of Business Services
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum
Christine Kuzinski, Director of HR and Operations
Dave Beamer, Athletic Director
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 Principal
Lisa Duprey, Hill Elementary Principal
TJ Fischhaber, Alternative Education Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Verle Gilbert, Hahn Intermediate Principal
Jerry Piger, High School Principal
Amy Renye, DMS Assistant Principal
Natalie Miller, Gates Elementary Principal
Melissa Williams, Thomson Elementary Principal

STAFF: Kellie Alvarado, Sarah Abraham, Joni Clemons, Faith Fortune, Chase Hall, Jason Mester, Anthony Schaaf, Melissa Simpson, Heather Smith, Dexter Taylor, Erica Thwing-Medbery, Zach Wagner, Tracy Wheeler

OTHER GUESTS: Alayna Alexander, Anna and Nick Armitage, Bob Beckelic, Shelley Belinsky, Elizabeth Benjamin, Janet Benjamin, James Lee Bogart, Jim Bogart III, Jeannine Bogart, Marina Bufalini, Gregg and Melinda Castle, Amber Constable, Shawn Gleason, Pat Gleson, Laura Hall, Nicholas Heit, Robin Howe, Steven and Kim Keeton, Jill Lobban, Jonathon McFadden, Doug Miller, Danielle Montpas, Kiera Nichols, Joe Pacheco, Jordan Prevo, Jesse Reader, Dean and

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Tammy Reader, Megan Reader, John and Meridith Seybert, Richard and Lindsay Simpson, Jason Sliwa, Haley Stowe, Rachel and Vinnie Torres, Jessica Towne, Joee Towne, Joseph Towne, Cassandra Tubbs, Jesse Vickers, Paige Vickers, Vanessa Wernett, Don Wheeler, Kelsie Woodward, Chad Vaughn, Sara West

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: Approximately three years ago, staff members at Gates Elementary developed a monthly art program. Through this program, students learn about different art mediums and styles, as well as famous artists. The students here tonight were selected by their classroom teachers not only for their outstanding character and the way they consistently follow the Cardinal Code, but also for their dedication to the artwork they create each month. They represent some of the most talented artists at Gates Elementary, and we are excited to share some of their work with you tonight.

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 Kurtis McMahan, supported by Ben Vick, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Ben Vick, supported by Kurtis McMahan, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-6 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the special meeting minutes and closed session minutes for the meeting held on March 16, 2026. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the March 16, 2026 Special Board meeting.

2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills for March:

   AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund $ 3,081,295.68

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

4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through April 9, 2026.

5. **Quarterly Financial Report:** Approval of the Quarterly Finance Report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2026 including budgets for the General Operating Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Student Activity Fund.

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The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations

KIDS FIRST AWARD RECOGNITION: Central Elementary Special Education Teacher Melissa Simpson was honored as our April "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 are pleased to recognize Joee Towne from Genesee Health System.

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. Xavier Alvarado was honored as our next DEF Cardinal Kid award recipient. Xavier is being recognized for his volunteer work at the Flint River Watershed, Young Historian Club and For-Mar Nature Preserve.

RECOGNITION OF ALL-STATE AND NATIONAL CHAMPION ATHLETES:
The following Winter Sports All-State Athletes were honored:

Wrestlers
106lb- Jacob Holley- 3rd place- All State
110lb- Aubrey Bowman- 3rd place- All State
120lb- Bryce Holt- 4th place- All State
126lb- Steve Vaughn- Runner up- All State
144lb- Calvin Martz- 6th place- All State
157lb- Julius Pacheco- 3rd place- All State
215lb- Brandon Glisson- 4th place- All State

Powerlifting
JV Women's - 3rd place Nationals & Combined Team National Champions
- Aavynn Jackson
  - 114lb - State Champion
  - 52 kg - National Champion - USAPL State Record 82.5Kilogram Squat
- Jessica Bogart
  - 181lb - State Champion
  - 82.5 kg - National Champion
- Reagan Howell - 56kg - 4th place Nationals

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JV Men's - National Champions & Combined Team National Champions
- Nico Bufalini
  - 207lb - State Champion- MHSPLA State Record 1305 Total
  - 100 kg - 2nd place Nationals
- Cayden Huey - 90 kg - National Champion
- Jaxson Lobban - 67.5 kg - 3rd place Nationals
- Grant Red - 60 kg - 3rd place Nationals
- Jacob Wittbrodt - 90 kg - 4th place Nationals
- Landon Helton
- Corbin Murray
- Connor Thibaut

Varsity Men's
- Ayden Seybert
  - 181lb - State Champion- MHSPLA State Record 525lb Squat
  - 82.5kg - 3rd place Nationals
- Keith Wheeler - 56 kg - 3rd place Nationals

OAKLAND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (OAA) PRESENTATION: Athletic Director Dave Beamer presented on the OAA and the potential opportunity for the District to join the league beginning the 2027-2028 school year.

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:

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK RESOLUTION APPROVAL: We are fortunate to have highly dedicated staff members who work diligently for the benefit of our children and community. A resolution that acknowledged the week of May 4-8 as Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in Davison was presented. Administrators in each building have plans to recognize the contributions of Davison teachers and staff. Moved by Ben Vick, supported by Alicia Hensley, to approve the resolution. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL FOR DECA STUDENTS TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO NATIONALS: DHS High School Marketing Instructor & DECA Advisor Matt Ames, requested the Board's approval to attend the International DECA Conference from April 25-29, 2026 in Atlanta, Georgia. Two students qualified to attend the conference. Information regarding the trip was previously provided to Board members. Moved by Shannon McKee, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the DECA Club overnight trip. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL: We have approval from the Michigan Department of Education for our contract with Chartwells for the management of the district's food service program for the 2026/2027 school year.

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The approval letter from the Michigan Department of Education and the proposed contract were provided to Board members prior to the meeting. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Ben Vick, to approve the food service contract for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN: Board Policy 7540 requires the Superintendent to develop and implement a written District Technology Plan (DTP) in accordance with District and School Improvement Plans. One of the primary purposes of the DTP is to evaluate new and emerging technologies and how they will play a role in student achievement and success and/or support efficient and effective District operations. Over the last year, the District Technology Committee has developed the DTP, which was reviewed and supported by the Board Curriculum, Extracurricular, and Technology Committee on February 13, 2026. The DTP was previously provided to Board members for their review. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Shannon McKee, to approve the District Technology Plan. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

- The Davison Optimist Club has donated $4,000 towards the Weekend Backpack Food Program, which is offered through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan as a pilot that will include 24 elementary students from Davison Schools. Students will receive a backpack filled with non-perishable pantry items on Fridays.

- Hank Graff Chevrolet in Davison donated $500 to help purchase supplies for Family Night at Central Elementary.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain (Ben Vick)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

DHS and DAE have wrapped up testing and are back to their normal routines, while DMS will begin testing this week. Across the district, Neurodiversity Week is being celebrated with a variety of activities planned each day. The high school is also hosting a Career Expo this week, and the A+B=C Awards Luncheon will take place on Wednesday. On Thursday, we're looking forward to both the Volunteer Dinner and the school musical. Kindergarten Roundup kicks off at Thomson on Monday, and preparations are underway for prom at the end of the month. We also want to recognize the DMS administration for doing a wonderful job handling last week's situation.

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

Board members made no comments

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Future Meeting Dates:

Next Regular Board Meeting:	Monday, May 4, 2026 6:00 p.m. DHS Community Meeting Room 1250 N. Oak Road Davison, MI 48423
Special Board Meeting: Superintendent's Evaluation	Monday, May 18, 2026 6:00 p.m. Cardinal Center Boardroom 1490 N. Oak Road Davison, MI 48423

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Granger Stefanko, to convene into closed session at 6:49 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to Section 8 (c) of the Michigan's Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Alicia Hensley, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 7:54 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Granger Stefanko, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Hensley, Secretary
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