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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, May 4, 2026
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, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum
Josh Evans, Director of Business Services
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information
Christine Kuzinski, Director of HR and Operations
Dana Melaragni, Director of Special Education
Dave Beamer, Athletic Director
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Director
John Chesley, Hahn Intermediate Dean of Students
Keri Collins, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal
Andrew Criswell, Thomson Elementary Principal
Cayla Dowdall, DMS Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Jerry Piger, High School Principal
Tim Pizzala, DMS Dean of Students
Amy Renye, DMS Assistant Principal
Melissa Williams, Central Elementary Principal
Natalie Miller, Gates Elementary Principal
TJ Fischhauber, Alternative Education Principal

STAFF: Mandy Barrett, Eric Chorley, James Emmerling, Faith Fortune, Kelsey Marino, Cynthia McCollum, Ashley Romine, Anthony Schaaf, Dexter Taylor, Christy Turner

OTHER GUESTS: Jaime Beller, Bob Beckelic, Katy Casper, Chad & Shiela Colley, Tom Dowdall, Yvonne & Robert Griffin, Susan Groce, Ranae Hubbard, Brant Liebisch, Dawn Mansell, Heather & Brandon Mansell, Nick Marino, Ashley Morolla, Hilary & Tony Morolla, Angelina Porter, Chris Renye, Paul Romine, Stacy Smeaton

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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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 DHS Community Meeting Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: We were pleased to have the Siple Elementary Recycling Team participate in the Board meeting as pledge leaders. These fourth-grade students applied to be part of the recycling team and expressed their dedication to the environment and our school community. The students come together weekly to collect classroom recycling and empty them in the large recycling bin outside. This team works under the guidance of Alexis Liley, our School Counselor. Our recycling program is part of our overall Green School programming.

ROLL CALL: Robin Ricica read the roll. Members present: Holly Halabicky, Alicia Hensley, Shannon McKee, Kurtis McMahan, Diane Rhines, Granger Stefanko and 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 7-yes, 0-no.

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the regular meeting minutes and the closed session minutes from the previous meeting of April 13, 2026. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the April 13, 2026 Board meeting.

2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through April 30:

   AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Student Activity Fund $ 2,162,727.52

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report through April 30, 2026.

4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through April 30, 2026.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations

KIDS FIRST AWARD RECOGNITION: Davison Middle School Assistant Principal Secretary, Kelsey Marino was honored as our May "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.

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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, Katie Dodds was chosen and will be presented with an award at the June meeting.

CARDINAL KID AWARD: The Davison Educational Foundation (DEF) is proudly sponsoring the "Cardinal Kid" award. Each month, October through June, one student from Davison Community Schools is selected as the Cardinal Kid winner for his/her efforts to better the community. Each recipient is honored at a Board of Education meeting and receive $100 for themselves and $100 to donate to their worthy cause. Davison Middle School Student Hudson Colley was honored.

RECOGNITION OF THE BASKETBALL ALL-STATE STUDENT ATHLETES: Senior Samantha Beller is a 4-year varsity player, Guard and Team Captain. She was recognized as a 2026 All-State Honorable Mention. Senior Cortez Porter is also a 4-year varsity player, Point Guard and Team Captain. Cortez was recognized as a 2026 2nd Team All-State student athlete. Congratulations to Samantha and Cortez.

RECOGNITION OF KIDS FIRST HERO AWARD: Cayla Dowdall, Tim Pizzala and Amy Renye were honored for exemplifying a "Kids First" character by acting quickly to keep students and staff safe following a threat at the Davison Middle School. The district applauds and appreciates your heroic actions.

COMPOSTING PROGRAM PRESENTATION: Beginning in the fall of 2025, Gates and Central Elementary Schools started a composting program to reduce waste going into landfills and to teach students ways to help support and sustain a healthy environment. Gates Elementary Principal Natalie Miller, Central Elementary Principal Melissa Williams, and Science Curriculum Coordinator James Emmerling presented on the program, its success and its future.

From the Public: No one from the public signed up to speak.

Correspondence: Secretary Alicia Hensley read a letter from Jan Lebert from Outreach East, thanking Michelle Edwards for her outstanding leadership spearheading the Cool to Care campaign.

ACTION ITEMS:

AUTHORIZATION OF SUMMER MARCHING BAND CAMP: Caleb Goncz, Director of the Instrumental Music Department at Davison High School, has arranged for the annual high school summer marching band camp, contingent upon Board approval. This year's camp is scheduled for August 2-7, 2026. The location will be Camp Echo Grove in Leonard, Michigan. Details about the proposed trip were provided. Moved by Ben Vick, supported by Shannon McKee, to approve the summer marching band camp trip. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF ESPORTS OVERNIGHT TRIP TO NATIONALS: ESports Coach Jake Balla requested approval to allow 2-6 DHS students to attend the ESports National Competition in Milwaukee, Wisconsin scheduled for June 5-7, 2026. Details about the proposed trip were provided. Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Ben Vick, to approve the summer marching band camp trip. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

GISD BUDGET APPROVAL: MCL 380.624 requires local school boards to review and either support or disapprove of the annual intermediate school district's proposed budget. Board Treasurer Diane Rhines attended the annual GISD budget hearing on April 29, and Superintendent Matt Lobban has taken part in meetings where the proposed 2026/2027 GISD budgets have been reviewed by Genesee County superintendents. Pertinent information about the proposed budgets along with a resolution supporting the 2026/2027 GISD budgets were attached for review. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the 2026/2027 GISD proposed budget. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

So many great things are happening at Davison Community Schools. This year's musical, Footloose, was a huge success. Music Director Caleb Goncz had students from the Symphonic Orchestra perform in the Performing Arts Center over the weekend. The Esports Team has had a tremendous year and prom was a success. Graduation is right around the corner! Watch for more communications announcing upcoming events and celebrations.

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

There were no comments from members of the Board of Education.

Future Meeting Dates:

Monday, May 18, 2026
Superintendent's Evaluation
Cardinal Center Boardroom
1490 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

Monday, June 1, 2026
Regular Board Meeting
DHS Community Meeting Room
1250 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING A STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Granger Stefanko, to convene into closed session at 6:39 p.m. to consider a disciplinary matter involving a student. The student's guardian requested the hearing take place in closed session which is allowed under Section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with vote of 7-yes, 0-no. No action was taken in closed session.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Granger Stefanko, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTER: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Kurtis McMahan, that the student brought before the Board tonight be permanently expelled from Davison Community Schools for a violation of the student code of conduct. The motion was carried with a roll call vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Granger Stefanko, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Hensley

Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Davison Board of Education