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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, August 3, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Cardinal Center Boardroom

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 for Student Services
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum
Christine Kuzinski, Director of Human Resources & Operations

OTHER GUESTS: Bob Beckelic
Lauren Jared
Dave Bowles
Abbie Vanitvelt

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 Cardinal Center Boardroom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Granger Stefanko.

ROLL CALL: Patty Galea 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 Granger Stefanko, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was 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 included items 1-5 below:

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1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the regular session minutes for the previous regular meeting of July 13, 2026. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since July 13, 2026.

2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of bills through July 24:

   AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund
   Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund $ 1,859,039.39

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of Treasurer's Report through July 24, 2026.

4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through July 29, 2026.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Public: *Bob Beckelic* asked the Board to provide statistics regarding the number of students that live within ½ mile of the respective schools that can't ride a bus in the winter months compared to absent data on those dates. *Abbie Vanitvelt* expressed some concerns over a wrestling coach and provided each Board member with documentation of her concerns. *Lauren Jared* introduced herself to the Board and made it known that she is running for a School Board seat.

Correspondence: Board Secretary Alicia Hensley read a thank you card to the Board from Robin Ricica.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the Parent and Student Handbook: Every year the District updates its Parent and Student Handbook. The updated handbook was previously provided for your review. Due to state pupil accounting practices, the Parent and Student Handbook requires Board approval each year. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Amy Chorley has reviewed the handbook with the Board Curriculum, Extra-Curricular Programs & Technology Committee. Members of the committee are supportive of the handbook: There was discussion and questions were answered. Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Ben Vick, to approve the 2025-2026 Parent and Student Handbook. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Approval of District Courses for 2026-2027: The Michigan Department of Education requires the Board of Education of a local school district to authorize its courses annually. The courses offered for credit at Davison Middle School,

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Davison High School, and Davison Alternative Education can be found in the respective course catalogs posted on our website:
Davison Middle School Course Book
Davison High School Course Book
Davison Alternative Education

A list of all courses offered in grades Developmental Kindergarten (DK) - eighth grade is attached. All of the courses, DK-12th grade, have an ACC approved curriculum. The Davison Community Schools also enrolls students in online courses and curriculum through the Genesee Intermediate School District's Gen-NET portal and the Virtual Learning Academy Consortium (VLAC) program operated by Oakland Schools. All of the courses offered through Gen-NET and VLAC have been reviewed to ensure they are aligned to Michigan state standards.

Director of Curriculum, Dr. Angela Hards has reviewed all of this information with the Board Curriculum, Extra-Curricular Programs & Technology Committee and they are supportive of approving these courses. ***We recommend that you approve the courses listed in the Davison Course Catalogs, the courses listed for DK-6th grade, Davison online courses and online courses offered through the Gen-NET portal and VLAC for the 2026-2027 school year.*** Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Shannon McKee, to approve the District Courses for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Approval of Playground Equipment Purchase: The Buildings/Grounds & Transportation Committee met on July 29, 2026, and reviewed a quote for new playground equipment for GSRP/Pre-K for All at Central Elementary from Omnia Partner Game Time/Sinclair Recreation. The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee supports approval to move forward with the purchase and installation of the playground equipment in the amount of $98,877.65 to be paid from GSRP grant and supply funds, and the site sinking fund. ***We recommend your approval of this project.*** Moved by Ben Vick, supported by Shannon McKee, to approve the GSRP Playground Equipment Purchase. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Approval of Doors, Frames, & Masonry Work at DHS and Hahn Intermediate Project: Bids were received for new doors and frames at DHS and Hahn Intermediate, and some additional masonry work at Hahn Intermediate. Included is a recommendation from T.J. O'Connor, Project Manager from Kingscott and the bid tabulation. The Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met on July 29, 2026, and reviewed the bid documents. The committee supports awarding the lowest qualified bid as recommended. ***We recommend approval of the bid from Castles Brothers in the amount of $305,000.00 to be paid out of site sinking funds.*** Moved by Kurtis McMahan, supported by Alicia Hensley, to approve the bid from Castles Brothers to update doors and frames at DHS and Hahn. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

- Katie Skidmore of KT Lynn Events raised and donated $750 to benefit the Cardinal Care Fund.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

We are back! The Administrative Retreat was held on Thursday and focused on leadership standards. Secretaries also participated in their annual in-service today. The high school is finishing up summer projects and working on signage.
Tomorrow, I will be attending the grand opening of McDonald's on Irish Road and giving a short speech. The millage renewal election is also tomorrow, and community members are encouraged to vote.

I also want to address concerns regarding how the District communicates information to the public. Michelle Edwards currently provides the Chirp Sheet and Early Bird Bytes, posts regularly on social media, and utilizes several other methods of communication. My question to the Board is, "How can we improve?" My concern is not that the District is failing to provide information, but rather that the information being shared may not always be reaching or engaging the public.

Holly Halabicky suggested conducting another survey and approaching the questions differently to gather additional feedback. Shannon McKee noted that Kearsley and LakeVille have strong websites and suggested that perhaps the District should consider updating its website.

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

- There were no comments made by the Board of Education.

Future Meeting Date:

Monday, September 14, 2026
6:00 pm
DHS Community Meeting Room
1250 S. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Ben Vick, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Board of Education