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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, December 12, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Conover
Lawrence Finkbeiner
Dale Green
Mark McGlashen
Kathleen Sudia
Doug Theodoroff

MEMBER ABSENT: Kim Lindsay

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:** Megan Kechner
Joseph Kennedy

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske, Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Romzek, Director of Finance and Operations
Donna Whitley, Special Services Director
Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Middle School Principal
Holly Halabicky, Hahn Intermediate Principal
Lance Harper, Hill Elementary Principal
Sue Kenkel, Alternative Education Principal
Matt Shanafelt, High School Principal
Jennifer Torok, Central Elementary Principal

STAFF: Michelle Edwards, Angie Chinevere (DEA), Natalie Miller, Lisa DuPrey, Leigh Anne Draper, Jean Fulcher, Michael McCollum, Cynthia McCollum

OTHER GUESTS: George Jaksa (Davison Flagstaff), Trevor Edwards, Jeff Elkins, Jessica McCarty, Gage Elkins, Jacob Dorman, Chris Hinkley, Chloe Hinkley, Megan Gell, Natalie Gell, Irene Lovik, Judy Alderdyce, Jeff Alderdyce, Marcus Birkenshaw, Marci Birkenshaw, Ed Johnson, Lori Johnson, Tracy Fox, Mackenzie Toman, Jason Millis, Raymond Sturgill, Jaydon Ball, Sarah Johnson, Lucie Bartels

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ORDER OF BUSINESS:

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Davison Board of Education was called to order by President Kathleen Sudia at 7:05 pm in the Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Principal Jennifer Torok, Literacy Specialist Natalie Miller, and a group of Central Elementary first through fourth grade students who represent the winners of the school's Summer Reading Challenge.

ROLL CALL: Kathy LaFeldt read the roll. Members present: Karen Conover, Lawrence Finkbeiner, Dale Green, Mark McGlashen, Kathleen Sudia, and Doug Theodoroff. Member absent: Kim Lindsay. Student members present: David Kennedy and Megan Kechner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to approve the agenda as presented with one change: to move the closed session to the last item on the agenda. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Dale Green, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-4 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the open session minutes for the previous regular meeting of November 14, 2011. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the November 14, 2011 board meeting.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills for October:

AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund,	
Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund	\$ 1,213,678.78
Building & Site Sinking Fund	\$ 97,931.14
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November. Assistant Superintendent Brown introduced Natalie Miller and announced her new appointment as Thomson Elementary principal.
4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period of November 15 through December 7, 2011.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations

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- **Hill School Behavior Intervention Presentation:** Hill Elementary Teachers Lisa DuPrey, Leigh Anne Draper, and Jean Fulcher provided information about Hill's Student Mentoring Program. The academic intervention program, which is in its second year, utilizes the services of fourth graders to mentor younger students who benefit from increased opportunities to practice or dialogue about academic and behavioral skills.

From the Public: Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. There was no response from the public.

Correspondence: Board Secretary Karen Conover read a note of gratitude from Thomson Elementary Principal Sandy Hynes.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SENATE BILLS 618 - 624: A resolution to oppose SB618 - SB624 was presented. These bills will create a severe impact on the already strapped School Aid Fund. The district supports educational choice for students and parents but believes these bills are not the solution. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the resolution opposing SB618 – SB 624 as recommended. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

APPROVAL OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 403(b) TSA PLAN: In order to comply with recent federal legislation, the district's 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan must be amended. A memorandum from Dan Romzek was provided, along with the recommendation letter from Attorney Janet Lanyon of Dean & Fulkerson, and the adopting resolution. Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Dale Green, to approve the adopting resolution to amend the 403(b) TSA Plan as recommended. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DECLARING DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AS THE POLICYHOLDER OF ALL HEALTH CARE SERVICE BENEFIT POLICIES: A resolution was presented for the District to declare itself as the policyholder of health care service providers. This resolution will allow the district to meet four out of the five "Best Practices" as identified in Section 22f of the State School Aid Act which will allow the district to move to the next step in the process for aligning its self to receive "Best Practice" financial incentive monies. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the resolution declaring the District as the policyholder for all health care service benefit policies as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

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APPROVAL OF SUMMER MARCHING BAND CAMP: Jim Schuster, director of instrumental music at DHS, requested approval for the annual high school summer marching band camp. This year's camp is scheduled for August 5-10, 2012 at Echo Grove Camp in Leonard, Michigan. Information regarding the overnight trip was provided. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to approve the summer marching band camp as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 6- yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF THE GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL TRIP: Approval of an overnight trip requested for the girls' varsity softball team to travel to Cocoa Beach, Florida, to participate in a spring training camp March 30 – April 8, 2012. Moved by Larry Finkbeiner, supported by Dale Green, to approve the trip as requested. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to gratefully accept the following contributions and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Crongeyer on behalf of Judicial Management Systems, Inc. donated \$2000 to the Davison Athletic Department for the purchase of a new timing system for the boys' track team.
- Mrs. Nelda McCrocklin of Hersey Michigan donated two computer towers to the district's technology department for use as needed throughout the district.
- Davison parent Cindy Chamberlain donated various school supplies, mittens, and clothing to the Gates Elementary office where they plan to have the items available to students on an as-needed basis.
- Davison parents Barry and Brenda Jones donated an HP 1600 color laser printer to the technology department for use as needed throughout the district.
- Richfield United Methodist Church donated six cases of notebooks to Davison Alternative Education for student use.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

- Superintendent Lieske informed the Board of this year's successful Cool to Care Holiday Food Drive and thanked the many members of the district and community who participated in the event.

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- Legislation regarding bullying has been signed by the Governor. Davison has had a bullying policy for several years. The current policy will be reviewed to make sure it's in line with the new law. The district has also implemented a Bullying Task Force to reinforce our continued commitment to the current law.

From our Student Representatives:

- Megan Kechner and Joseph Kennedy reported on events of interest at Davison High School.

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

There was no response from the Board members.

Future Meeting Dates:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2012
7:00 pm
Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room
1250 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to convene into closed session at 7:49 pm, for the purpose of discussing a student disciplinary matter. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no. The student's parents requested that Board deliberation take place in closed session, which is allowed under Section 8 [b] of Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 8:42 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

STUDENT EXPULSION: Moved by Doug Theodoroff, supported by Mark McGlashen, that the student brought before the Board tonight be expelled from Davison Community Schools for violation of the district's code of conduct. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen D. Conover, Secretary
Davison Board of Education