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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, December 3, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room

MINUTES

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

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:** Joseph Kennedy
Matthew McAuliffe

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske, Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent
Donna Whitley, Executive Director of Student Services
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information
Phil Thom, Director of Operations
Leslie Young, Director of Business Services
Pam Chedister, Siple Elementary Principal
Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Middle School Principal
Lance Harper, Hill Elementary Principal
Natalie Miller, Thomson Elementary Principal
Matthew Shanafelt, High School Principal
Jennifer Torok, Central Elementary Principal

STAFF: Michael Hull (DEA), Sarah Smith-Clark (DEA), Angie Hards, Eric Chorley, Lisa Duprey, Melissa Jones, Chris Kinney, Julie Buzzell

OTHER GUESTS: Gary Kelley, Amy Stone, Heather Giguere, Lily Moore, John Conover, Anthony Vance, Karen Vance, Caudice Maple, Thomas Maple, Sam Calleja, Amy Chorley, Susan Hough, Glenda Mahon, Gene Mahon, Darrell Bougie, Michelle Lee

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- **iPads in the Music Classroom:** The District has provided mobile iPad labs for each elementary building, Hahn Intermediate, Davison Middle School and two labs at Davison High School. Hill Elementary music and computer specials teacher Lisa DuPrey provided information on how she is using iPads with her students in the classroom. As part of her presentation, several Hill Elementary students demonstrated a variety of ways in which iPads can be used as a tool for learning.
- **School Improvement Update:** District Improvement Co-Chairs Angie Hards and Eric Chorley provided an update on Davison's school improvement and accreditation process. School improvement and accreditation have been a long standing focus in Davison Community Schools. In 2009 the District moved from school building to district level accreditation through AdvancED/NCA. This systems accreditation process has created an even more razor sharp focus on best practices for teaching and learning. It has become the culture within the district for the way the district does business, effectively driving student performance with continuous improvement in education.

Board President Kathleen Sudia was presented with a plaque received from the Michigan North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement recognizing Davison High School for 50 years of continuous NCA Accreditation from 1963 - 2013. In turn, President Sudia presented the plaque to Davison High School Principal Matt Shanafelt in recognition of the school's long-term accomplishment and commitment.

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

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR CALLING THE ELECTION: For more than sixteen months the District has been exploring the future possibilities of our oldest school building Central Elementary, which is more than 80 years old. Through studies, meetings and community input we have determined that renovations and building additions are necessary in order to provide 21st century teaching and learning opportunities. A resolution drafted by the Thrun Law Firm to call an election on February 26, 2013 for the purpose of this project was provided for approval. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to approve adoption of the resolution to call the election. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-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 4-9, 2013 at Echo Grove Camp in Leonard, Michigan. Information regarding the overnight trip was provided. Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the summer marching band camp as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 7- yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 1458 N. OAK ROAD: As the District continues to focus on its board goals and its future we have been presented with the opportunity to purchase land that is adjacent to the Cardinal Center. We feel the purchase of this property aligns well with our direction to provide first class learning opportunities for children in our community. An agreement for the purchase of this property for \$54,000 was provided. Moved by Mark McGlashen supported by Dale Green, to approve the purchase of the available property adjacent to the Cardinal Center. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

- Davison resident Connie Hill donated \$300 to the district's Cardinals Care Fund to assist students in the district who are in need.
- Parents from Gates Elementary, Kent and Emily Gieselman, donated 20 books to the counseling department to assist children who are going through common counseling issues.
- DHS graduate Brian Serr donated a French-English dictionary and the French version of #1-36 Dragonball Manga comic books to the French Club to provide students materials to practice reading colloquial language at age-appropriate levels.
- Gates Elementary parent Verlinda Luark donated 60 pairs of winter gloves to Gates Elementary for students to use as needed throughout the winter season.
- Mr. Danny Griggs on behalf of Davison Eagle Riders #3589 donated \$250 to Davison Schools Holiday Assistance Program that assists families in need through the district's Annual Holiday Assistance Program.
- Davison Kiwanis Club donated \$100 to the district's Cardinals Care Fund to assist students in the district who are in need.

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- Davison parent April Eckles donated \$600 to Hill Elementary for the purchase of mentor textbooks for two first grade classrooms. These textbooks will supplement the school's writing program.
- Paul, Shelley, and Paul Ryan Badour donated 144 pumpkins to the Hill Elementary After School Program. The pumpkins were used in the program's "Pumpkin Patch" event.
- Davison parent Stephanie Omron donated approximately 70 gently used hard and soft cover books to Gates Elementary for students to enjoy in both the classroom and library.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

- Today Superintendent Lieske and Assistant Superintendent Brown attended a "Michigan for Quality Schools" news conference at the state Capital in Lansing in support of public schools. Superintendent Lieske provided information regarding the lame duck session in Lansing and its potential impact on public education. He and president Sudia will be sending a letter to parents providing information about the proposed EAA, New Forms of Schools, and Parent Trigger bills.
- There are three schools that were recently recognized as "Beating the Odds" schools in Genesee County. Two of the three named are Davison schools, Davison High School and Hahn Intermediate.
- Elementary Principals will be attending administrative conferences December 5-7. Building Coverage will be provided by Ron Adam at Central, Hill, and Thomson. Jim Creech will provide coverage at Gates and Siple.

From our Student Representatives:

Joseph Kennedy and Matthew McAuliffe reported on events of interest at Davison High School.

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

- The Board of Education made comments.

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Future Meeting Dates:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 7, 2013
7:00 pm
Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room
1250 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER: Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Karen Conover, to convene into closed session at 8:11 pm, for the purpose of discussing a student disciplinary matter. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-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 Kim Lindsay, supported by Karen Conover, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 9:29 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

STUDENT LONG-TERM SUSPENSION: Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, that the student brought before the Board tonight be long-term suspended through the end of the first semester from Davison Community Schools because of violations of the student code of conduct. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen D. Conover, Secretary
Davison Board of Education