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# DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Board of Education

Monday, February 6, 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:** Megan Kechner  
Joseph Kennedy

**ADMINISTRATION:** Eric Lieske, Superintendent of Schools  
Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent  
Leslie Young, Director of Finance and Operations  
Donna Whitley, Special Services Director  
Pam Chedister, Siple Elementary Principal  
Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Middle School Principal  
Holly Halabicky, Hahn Intermediate Principal  
Jennifer Hall, High School Assistant Principal  
Lance Harper, Hill Elementary Principal  
Natalie Miller, Thomson Elementary Principal  
Matt Shanafelt, High School Principal  
Jennifer Torok, Central Elementary Principal

**STAFF:** Michelle Edwards, Angie Chinevere (DAE), Lorrie Callis, Jody Kosiara, Rebecca Vannest, Matt Ames, Nicole Bednard

**OTHER GUESTS:** Gary Gould (Davison Index), George Jaksa (Davison Flagstaff), Christy Burke, Katie Hazel, Marissa Brasfield, Joe Thwing, Logan Gauthier, Meghan Hough, Avery Wagner, Blas Ramirez, Sarah Taipalus, Michelle Coon, Lisa O'Connor, Layla Meillier, Dakota Stefanko, Kristine Stefanko, Melissa Delong, Meredith Combs, Susan Hough, Danielle Carson, William Edwards, Trevor Edwards

**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 Kathleen Sudia at 7:02 pm in the Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Davison Middle School Principal Shelly Fenner and student members of the DMS Cardinal Leadership Academy, Teacher Sponsor Lorrie Callis and the Student Council, and Teacher Sponsor Jody Kosiara and the Junior Optimist.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, 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 January 9, 2012. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the January 9, 2012 board meeting.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills for January:  

AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER, DTV Fund,	
Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund	\$ 1,005,884.70
Building & Site Sinking Fund	\$ 114,508.40
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January.
4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period of January 6, 2012 through February 1, 2012.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **Special Presentations**

- **Cardinal Leadership Academy:** Davison High School Principal Matt Shanafelt, Counselor/Sponsor Rebecca Vannest, and student members of the Cardinal Leadership Academy provided information about the group's mission and their recent activities. Each student was presented with a certificate from the Board for their devotion and dedication as a member of the Cardinal Leadership Academy.

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- **DECA Project – Green Schools:** This year Davison High School is taking a stand in initiating the process of becoming an official “Green School.” DECA students Christy Burke and Katie Hazel explained how Davison High School is being educated about recycling as well as how the acts can have big impacts on the environment.
- **DECA Project – DMS/HIS Health & Fitness Week:** Davison High School DECA students Marissa Brasfield and Joe Thwing presented information regarding several free and healthy community events planned as part of a “Commit to be Fit” DECA project they are planning.

**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 the following correspondence:

- A note from Davison resident Janet Johnston expressing her appreciation of the Davison Board of Education in honor of School Board Recognition Month.
- A letter addressed to Superintendent Lieske, Davison Community Schools’ staff and students from Jan Lebert, Director of Outreach East, expressing her appreciation and thanks on behalf of area families in need for the district’s successful “Cool to Care” campaign.
- A letter of thanks from Outreach East Director Jan Lebert to the Davison Board of Education for the generous donation made to Outreach East in the board’s honor by Davison Education Association.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S WEEK IN MICHIGAN:** A resolution was presented designating the week of February 12-18, 2012, to honor those who serve as school administrators in Michigan. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the resolution to designate February 12-18, 2012, as “School Administrators’ Week” in Davison, Michigan. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

**APPROVAL OF GISD COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS OF CHOICE RESOLUTION:** Approval of the resolution opting out of participation in the state’s schools of choice program as described in Section 105 of the State School Aid Act and into the GISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2012/2013 school year. Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the resolution as written. There was discussion and questions were answered. 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 FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN FOR 2012/2013:** A memorandum addressed to Superintendent Lieske from Assistant Superintendent Brown was provided. The memorandum summarized the district's educational and financial concerns regarding moving our current half day kindergarten program to a full day and recommended the instructional change. Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Dale Green, to approve the instructional change of a full day kindergarten program beginning 2012/2013 as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF KEY CLUB STUDENT TRIP:** High School Key Club sponsor Jayne McGlashen requested approval for approximately 4 student members to participate in Key Club's 2012 Annual Michigan District Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo on March 9-11, 2012. Students will miss a partial day of instruction. Information concerning the trip was provided. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to approve the Key Club trip to Kalamazoo on March 9-11, 2012 as requested. The motion was carried with a vote of 7- yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF STUDENT TRIP TO DECA STATE CONFERENCE:** Marketing Instructors and DECA Advisors Matt Ames and Tom Benton requested the Board's authorization for 46 high school marketing students from the DECA Club to travel to Dearborn to attend the State DECA Conference on March 8–11, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency. Students will miss one day of instruction. Details of the trip were provided. Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the DECA Club trip to Dearborn, March 8-11, 2012 as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7- yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA CLUB STATE CONFERENCE:** High School CTE Teachers and BPA Advisor Amy Fanning and BPA Co-Advisor Diana Allard requested the Board's authorization for a group of 20 students who qualified at the 2012 BPA Regional Competition in January to attend the State BPA Conference held in Grand Rapids on March 22-25, 2012. Students will miss one day of instruction. Information regarding the trip was provided. Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Mark McGlashen, to approve the overnight trip as requested. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7- yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICIES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FIRST READING:** The Board Policy & Planning Committee recommended approval of the following policies for the first reading:

- 1030 – Board Bylaws: Membership
- 1152 – Board Bylaws: Election of Officers and Length of Term
- 1300 – Board Bylaws: Meetings
- 8040 – Students: School Admissions
- 8260 – Students: Bullying
- 8280 – Electronic Communications Devices – Students
- 9170 – Solicitations

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The following administrative regulations are being changed by the superintendent:

5370R – Personnel: Communicable Diseases  
8040R – Students: School Admissions

Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Dale Green, to approve the first reading of the above policies (and associated regulations). There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

- Local Business Owner Jim Waldron of Jim Waldron Buick GMC donated \$2,500 to support the District's summer elementary program. Waldron's also donated \$8,004.00 to the district through the dealership's "\$50,000 School Challenge" contribution program.
- Davison resident Karen Ann Stevens donated approximately 30 pre-school and young reader books to the Cardinal's Nest.
- Glenn Wendt, a resident of Davison, donated a wheelchair to Gates Elementary. The school office will use it as needed to transport injured children.
- Adam Henige on behalf of Netvantage donated eight chairs and a HD television to the Davison High School for use in the DTV area.
- Davison parent Lori Melton donated \$100 to Gates Elementary to purchase supplies for Jamie Hadding's second grade classroom.
- Davison resident Carol Connor donated approximately 235 new hard and soft cover books to Siple Elementary. The books will be used to encourage student reading and will be distributed to students attending Siple.

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

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **From our Superintendent:**

- Superintendent Lieske provided information regarding articles posted on Mlive.com about charter and public schools. He also informed the Board of Governor Snyder's plans to present his proposed budget for 2012/2013 on Thursday, February 9.

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**From our Student Representatives:**

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

**Distribution of Superintendent Evaluation Instrument:** President Kathleen Sudia asked that Board members complete the blank evaluation forms pertaining to Superintendent Lieske's performance evaluation and mail or email them to her by Friday, February 10, 2012.

**Special Board Meeting, February 27, 2012 – To Be Rescheduled:** The discussion of the superintendent's evaluation results scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2012, 7:00 pm in the Cardinal Center Board Room, 1490 N. Oak Road, Davison will need to be rescheduled to accommodate conflicting work schedules. (The meeting was later rescheduled to Monday, February 20, 2012, 7:00 pm in the Cardinal Center Board Room, 1490 N. Oak Road, Davison.)

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

- The Board of Education made comments.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, March 5, 2012  
7:00 pm  
Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room  
1250 N. Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

Special Board Meeting: Monday, February 20, 2012  
7:00 pm  
Cardinal Center Board Room  
1490 N. Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423  
Topic: Discuss contents of Superintendent's annual performance evaluation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karen D. Conover, Secretary  
Davison Board of Education