

Initials: _____

DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, March 2, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Conover
Dale Green
Andrew Hall
Kim Lindsay
Mark McGlashen
Kathleen Sudia

MEMBER ABSENT: Lawrence Finkbeiner

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:** Amanda George
Ryan Myers

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske, Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent
Holly Halabicky, Executive Director of Student Services
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information
Phil Thom, Director of Operations
Leslie Young, Director of Business Services
Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Middle School Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Lance Harper, Central Elementary Principal
Natalie Miller, Thomson Elementary Principal
Sue Kenkel, Hahn Intermediate Principal
Matthew Shanafelt, High School Principal
Jennifer Torok, Hill Elementary Principal
Chris Wilson, Alternative Education Dean of Students

STAFF: Kristen Slattery (DEA), Tracy Bennett, Cayla Dowdall,
Mary Taylor

OTHER GUESTS: Dr. Robert Hahn, Morgan McGrail, Elizabeth Fisher, Hailee
Hart, Elizabeth Francis, Andrea Griswold, Barry Jones, Alicia
Hensley, Theresa Unger, Courtney Elliott, Jessica Brown,
Kathryn Kellogg, Jessica Wright, Mark Latchana, Beth
Latchana, Sarah White, Allison Myers, Anne Prill, Josh
Block, Kesha Norman, Bree Moore

Initials: _____
March 2, 2015

Special Presentations:

- **Dual Enrollment Opportunities for Davison High School Students:** The Davison Community Schools have partnered with the University of Michigan Flint and Davison Township to provide Davison High School students a unique opportunity to earn college credit in U of M Flint environmental science courses that feature place based, hands on field study components at the Williams Nature Center in Davison Township. Assistant Superintendent Kevin Brown and former DCS Superintendent Dr. Robert Hahn, Coordinator of K-12 Projects at the U of M Flint, provided a brief presentation about this exciting opportunity for students.

From the Public: Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. The following guests addressed the Board:

- Gates Elementary and Hahn Intermediate parent Barry Jones, on behalf of his wife Brenda and three children expressed their lack of support for Davison Community Schools moving toward a district-wide balanced calendar.
- Hill Elementary parent Courtney Elliott expressed her support of the District moving to a balanced calendar. As a Hill Elementary parent of two boys, she provided personal insight surrounding the many benefits of having children attend a balanced calendar school.
- Hill Elementary parent Anne Prill expressed her support of the District moving to a balanced calendar. As a Hill parent of one student and a teacher in another district, she provided her personal viewpoints and the many benefits of having her student attend Hill Elementary.
- Central Elementary and Davison Middle School parent Sarah White expressed her support of the District moving to a balanced calendar. As a former Hill Elementary parent, her student was moved to Central Elementary for the CAP Program, she shared her personal opinion regarding the balanced calendar and how much she and her family have had to adapt to the traditional school calendar this year. She hopes the district is able to move forward with the balanced calendar.
- Hahn Intermediate teacher Cayla Dowdall expressed her support of the District moving to a balanced calendar. She has been affiliated with Hill Elementary as a student volunteer, a Teacher Cadet while in high school and as a student teacher and substitute teacher while in college.
- Hill Elementary parent Jessica Brown expressed her support of the District moving to a balanced calendar. She and her husband are business owners and have found the schedule to be very suitable for her family.

Initials: _____
March 2, 2015

- Kesha Norman, owner and CEO of Teach 2 Reach School of Cosmetology, addressed the Board as a follow up from the February 2, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

Correspondence:

- Board Secretary Karen Conover read a thank you note from Hill Elementary crossing guard Barbara Starr in appreciation of the new stop sign received at the February Board of Education meeting.
- A letter received from Outreach East was also read to thank the Davison Community Schools for the generosity and support shown to Outreach East throughout 2014.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to approve July 13, 2015, 7:00 pm, in the Cardinal Center Board Room, as the date, time, and location for the District's Organizational Meeting. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' WEEK IN DAVISON: Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve the resolution designating the week of March 2-6, 2015, to honor those who serve as school district administrators in Davison Community Schools. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF SUSPENSION OF BOARD POLICY 5939 – EVALUATION OF CERTIFIED STAFF: Recent uncertainty on the educator evaluation (teachers and administrators directly responsible for overseeing instruction) legislation has caused the district to analyze the District's board policy 5939. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to approve to suspend the language in Board Policy 5939 regarding student growth for the 2014/2015 school year and continue to implement the policy's language from the 2013/2014 school year as well as the requirement of a mid-year review. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

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

- Richard and Mary Ann DuCharme donated \$500 to continue their sponsorship and support for the STEM based Davison High School Robotics FRC Team 3534 House of Cards. The generous funding will provide assistance with the cost of building materials and supplies. This is the fourth consecutive year the DuCharmes have donated \$500 in support of the team.

Initials: _____

March 2, 2015

- Hank Graff Chevrolet in Davison donated \$100 to the DHS Robotics FRC Team 3534 House of Cards to help purchase building materials for this year's competition.
- Hansen Funeral Home in Davison donated \$100 to the DHS Robotics FRC Team 3534 House of Cards, to help purchase building materials for this year's competition.
- For the second consecutive year, Patti Engineering located in Auburn Hills generously donated \$500 to the Davison High School Robotics FRC Team 3534 House of Cards. The company's contribution will help offset building costs to compete in this year's competition.
- Neighborhood Bagel, LLC. In Davison donated \$100 to the DHS Robotics FRC Team 3534 House of Cards, to help purchase building materials for this year's competition.
- Karen and Kenneth E. Vobach, M.D., P.C. Pediatrics generously donated \$1,200 to the Davison High School Robotics FRC Team 3534 House of Cards to offset building costs to compete in this year's competition. This is the third consecutive year the Vobachs have provided a monetary donation in support of the team.
- Kroger of Davison donated \$25 to Gates Elementary to purchase hot dog buns for the school's second grade Economics Fair.
- Jimmy John's of Davison donated \$200 in food to the Davison High School Robotics FRC Team 3534 House of Cards to consume during their full day build.
- WoJo's Garden Splendors in Davison donated \$150 to the Davison High School Athletic Department for purchase of equipment and supplies for the Girls' Softball program.
- Ryan Carley of First Merit Bank in Flint donated \$200 to the Davison High School Athletic Department for purchase of equipment and supplies for the Girls' Softball program.
- Davison resident Connie Hill donated \$150 to Hill Elementary. This generous donation will be used to help support the school's intersession and after school clubs.
- Crossing guard Mike Christopherson donated hats, scarves and gloves to Central Elementary for students who are in need.

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

Initials: _____
March 2, 2015

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

- Superintendent Lieske informed the Board that he continues to engage the community in the balanced calendar conversation. Groups recently scheduled are DHS Student Council, a DMS English class and the Davison Chamber of Commerce. Parent post card surveys will be sent out next week.
- Superintendent Lieske announced the Central Elementary Open House has been scheduled for Monday, April 13th, just prior to the Board of Education meeting. More details will be available soon.
- Superintendent Lieske informed the Board that the 2014/2015 emergency/snow days are beginning to add up. Central Elementary is currently beyond its annual allotment so discussion is taking place regarding plans for make-up days.

From our Student Representatives:

- Amanda George and Ryan Myers reported on events of interest at Davison High School.

Superintendent Evaluation Process: Board members were provided a copy of the proposed Superintendent's evaluation form. Evaluation forms will be prepared and distributed to each Board member in compliance with the previously distributed timeline.

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, April 13, 2015
7:00 pm
Davison High School
Athletic Meeting Room
1250 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

CLOSED SESSION: Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Karen Conover, to convene into closed session at 8:16 pm for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining which is allowed under Section 8[c] of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Initials: _____
March 2, 2015

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Mark McGlashen, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 8:45 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS' LEGAL TRUST FUND (MASB-LTF) AID: Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Andrew Hall, to approve the resolution to seek monetary aid from the MASB-LTF to defray its legal costs in the proceedings before MERC and authorize the Superintendent, with assistance from Thurn Law Firm, P.C., to execute and submit the appropriate application to the MASB-LTF. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no, 1-abstained (Dale Green due to conflict of interest).

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen D. Conover, Secretary
Davison Board of Education

14-15/Board/Minutes/Mar2,15