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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, March 5, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Conover
Todd Ferguson
John Hair
Diane Rhines
Kathleen Sudia
Doug Theodoroff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark McGlashen

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Denae' Howard
Megan Duncan

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
Sue Kenkel, High School Principal
Christine Kuzinski, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal
Julie Malenich, High School Assistant Principal
Natalie Miller, Thomson Elementary Principal
Josie Paquette, Middle School Assistant Principal
Jerry Piger, High School Assistant Principal

STAFF: Melissa Biazza, Paul Clolinger, Brett Coron, Chad Haynes, Chris Kinney, Chris Lesko, Jason Vannest, Rebecca Vannest, Sue Will

OTHER GUESTS: Roxanne Caine, Mary Chiroi-Murphy, Rick Earl, Sherri Earl, Ben Gagnon, Brendan Garland, Gary Hoefft, Lisa Johnson, Jim Kirts, Viki LaCross, Judge Mark Latchana, Jeane Mains, Nathan Mains, Tammy Monroe, Chris Olson, Kelly Olson, Gerald Robinson, Jess Stevenson, Marji Theodoroff, Janet Vannest, Amy Willett

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations:

- a. **Kids First Award Recognition:** Siple Special Education Teacher of the Cognitively Impaired Sue Will was honored as the March "Kids First Employee of the Month." This employee recognition initiative has been developed to recognize employees for going above and beyond the call of duty to meet the needs of the children they serve. The program is being sponsored by Mark Owen of MEEMIC Insurance in Davison.

- b. **Unified Champions Presentation:** The Unified Champion Schools approach incorporates Special Olympics sports and related activities while enhancing the youth experience and empowering them to be change agents in their communities. This requires a shift in current programs and paradigms from a focus on events to committing to a movement advocating for youth as leaders.

This programming promotes social inclusion in schools to ensure special education and general education students are equitably engaged. Teachers and students are encouraged to collaborate and create supportive classrooms, activities and opportunities.

This Peer to Peer support involves general education peers who model typical academic and social behavior in educational environments throughout the school day. Peers provide support for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to promote independence and socialization. Teaching peers to interact with, and support, their peers with ASD by increasing social and learning opportunities within natural environments leads to new skills, and a sense of belonging that only comes from being in class with peers and participating in typical school activities.

- c. **Davison Optimist Club Recognition:** The Davison Optimists Club has always been a strong supporter of Davison Community Schools. This school year, the community service club donated a total of \$24,000 to the district; \$20,000 for literacy efforts districtwide and \$4,000 for the Cardinal Feeder food pantry program at Davison High School. The Davison Optimists Club and its members were honored for their commitment and dedication to the students, staff and Davison school district.

- d. **Recognition of Rebecca Vannest:** Recipient of the "Roy E. Peterson Caring Adult Award" at the 21st Annual Priority Children's Champion Awards Breakfast. Rebecca was nominated for going beyond the call of duty to do something special to help make Genesee County a better community for children. The award was presented by Priority Children Board of Director's Chair Roxanne Caine.

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

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read.

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ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE PROPERTY: As the District continues to focus on its board goals and its future, we have been presented with the opportunity to purchase vacant land located at 721 W. Flint Street. An agreement for the purchase of this property in the amount of \$35,000 was attached. Moved by Todd Ferguson, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve purchase of the property located at 721 W. Flint Street in the amount of \$35,000. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT TRIPS FOR 3534 HOUSE OF CARDS ROBOTICS TEAM COMPETITION: Louis Renner, DHS Instructor and Team Mentor requested the Board's authorization for 40 students on the 3534 House of Cards Robotics Team for three overnight field trips contingent upon their success at each level. Districts in Marysville on April 5-7, State Competition at Saginaw Valley State University on April 11-14 and Worlds Competition in Detroit on April 25-28, 2018. Details regarding these trips were provided. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the robotics club overnight trips as requested. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT TRIP TO INTERNATIONAL DECA CONFERENCE: Marketing Instructor and DECA Advisor Matt Ames requested the Board's authorization for high school marketing students from the DECA Club to travel to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the DECA International Conference on April 20-25, 2018. Details of the trip were provided. Moved by John Hair, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the DECA Club overnight trip as requested. There was discussion and questions were answered. 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 contribution and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Kipp Stewart, Stewart & Associates Insurance, made a financial donation to the DCER Youth Basketball Program to help cover the purchase of t-shirts.

We recommend you accept these contributions and direct the Superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From the Superintendent

- On Tuesday, March 6 the Genesee Intermediate School District and Davison Community Schools will host a Linking/Learning Walk at Hill Elementary. Participants will experience a "Linking Walk" of classroom instructional time. The process is designed to observe systems and evidenced based strategies throughout school districts.

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- Wednesday, March 7 will be an early release day for students allowing staff to participate in three hours of professional development and learning.
- We have exceeded the six snow days allowable by the state. Thursday, March 29 will now be a half day of school for students. This day was originally scheduled as a full day off for students and a full day teacher work day. This will now be a half student day and half teacher work day. The decision received positive feedback by both staff and parents.
- School safety continues to be an intentional conversation. We are always investigating more ways to keep our students and staff safe. The district will share these procedures when practical, but not all information can be made public.

From our Student Representatives: Denae' Howard and Megan Duncan 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 no additional comments.

Future Meeting Date:

Monday, April 16, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Davison Middle School Community Room
600 S. Dayton Street
Davison, MI 48423

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:


Karen Conover, Secretary
Davison Board of Education