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## DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### Board of Education

Monday, November 11, 2013

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:** Matthew McAuliffe  
Amanda George

**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  
Holly Halabicky, Hahn Intermediate Principal  
Lance Harper, Central Elementary Principal  
Matthew Shanafelt, High School Principal

**STAFF:** Tammy Heavner, Wayne Desjarlais, Christine Glann,  
Carri Quisenberry, Cori Sturgess, Jaynie Shiflett,  
Jenny Lauwers, Kim Macko, Katie Gist, Cindy  
McCollum, Gretchen Coles, Michael Romanik, Nikki  
DeVary, Ann Currati, Randy Scott, James Schuster,  
Michael McCollum

**OTHER GUESTS:** Shaun Bednard, Chris Jared, Susanna Oganosoba,  
Thomas Colvin, Donna Meyer, Bailey Macko

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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 7:00 pm in the Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Davison High School Principal Matt Shanafelt, teacher sponsors Tammy Heavner and Wayne Desjarlais and a group of 22 students representing the newest members of the DHS National Honors Society. These students have all met the high expectations and stringent criteria for scholarship, leadership, service and character and are certainly some of the best and brightest students currently attending Davison High School.

**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: Joseph Kennedy and Matthew McAuliffe.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-5 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the open minutes for the previous special meeting of November 7, 2013. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings received since the November 7, 2013 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                      \$     1,557,926.81
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October.
4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period of October 3 through November 7, 2013.
5. **Quarterly Financial Report:** Approval of the Quarterly Finance Report through September 30, 2013 including budgets for the General Operating

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Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Student Activity Fund. Approval of the revised General Operating Fund and School Lunch Fund financials for the period ending June 30, 2013.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **Special Presentations**

- **Davison Educational Foundation Teacher Mini-Grant Recipients:** Assistant Superintendent Kevin Brown presented highlights of this year's teacher mini-grant projects which are funded by the Davison Educational Foundation (DEF). The mini-grant projects included "*The Classics Challenge and Let's Get Literature,*" "*iPads for Elementary Counselors,*" "*Technology in the Classroom,*" "*iPads for Success,*" and "*Elementary Music Teacher iPads.*" The following presentations were provided:
  - Elementary counselors Christine Glann, Carrie Quisenberry and Cory Sturgess shared information and provided a demonstration regarding the use of iPads for elementary counselors.
  - Gates Elementary teachers Jaynie Shiflett, Jenny Lauwers, Kim Macko, Katie Gist and Cindy McCollum along with three students shared information and provided demonstrations regarding the use of technology in the classroom.
  - Elementary music teachers Gretchen Coles, Michael Romanik and Nikki DeVary shared information and provided demonstrations regarding the use of iPads in the district's elementary music classrooms.
- **Davison Educational Foundation Professional Scholarship Recipient:** Two recipients were selected for the DEF Professional Scholarship this year. Assistant Superintendent Brown shared information provided by Andrew Michalik on how he used the scholarship award to attend training to become an evaluation team leader for the National Automotive Training Education Foundation. Also selected was Hahn Intermediate Literacy Specialist Ann Curatti who presented highlights of her summer seminar at the Choice Literacy Conference in Columbus, Ohio titled "Nonfiction Texts and Teaching."

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- **“Cool to Care” Holiday Food Drive:** Davison High School DTV students and DECA Community Service Project Chairpersons Shawn Bednard, Chris Jared and Susanna Oganosoba provided information regarding the organizations’ annual participation in the “Cool to Care” holiday food drive which is scheduled for November 18 through December 9 and provides assistance to families in the community through Davison Outreach East.

**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:**

**GRADUATION CEREMONY DATES AND TIMES:** The administrative staff proposed that alternative education high school graduation be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 7:00 pm, in the Ude Auditorium and that the high school graduation be held Monday, June 9, 2014, 7:00 pm, at Perani's Arena and Event Center. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the dates and locations for graduation as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

In addition, Mark McGlashen and Doug Theodoroff volunteered to confer diplomas at the alternative high school ceremony. All Board members participate in the high school graduation.

**BUDGET REVISION APPROVAL:** Director of Business Service Leslie Young provided information regarding updated student enrollment data, known and anticipated changes in state funding, and other relevant information as it relates to the general fund budget. For the first time, as part of the Best Practices Incentive, also included is the budget projection for the 2014/2015 school year. The proposed revision has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to approve the general fund budget revision as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF GCASBM CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:** A copy of the GCASBM Constitution and Bylaws and a ballot for approval was provided. The association’s Executive Committee requested board action to approve the association’s fine-tuned Constitution and Bylaws as provided without any additional revisions. Moved by Larry Finkbeiner, supported by Mark McGlashen to approve the GCASBM Constitution and Bylaws. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

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**APPROVAL OF DAVISON HIGH SCHOOL VASITY DANCE TEAM TRIP TO**

**ORLANDO, FLORIDA:** Approval of the overnight trip requested for the DHS varsity dance team to travel to Walt Disney World's ESPN Wide World of Sports and Disney's Hollywood Studios in Orlando, Florida January 30 through February 3, 2014. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to approve the high school varsity dance team student 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 Mark McGlashen, supported by Dale Green, to gratefully accept the following contributions and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Gates Elementary teacher Melvina Pasco donated 100 paperback chapter books to Gates Elementary for 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mary Naranjo to use in her classroom library.
- Davison Optimist Club donated 13 backpacks filled with school supplies to assist K-12 students who are in need.

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**From our Superintendent:**

- Superintendent Lieske acknowledged that the budget revision approved this evening includes a shortfall of a little over \$1,000,000. He assured the board that the district will work on keeping this at a minimum through continued under spending. He also noted that the 2014/2015 budget projection, which is based on current known factors only, reveals a shortfall of over \$2,500,000. Looking ahead, it appears the district may have some work to do. So, as time moves closer, the district will need to begin looking at suggested ways to make cuts.

**From our Student Representatives:**

- Matthew McAuliffe and Amanda George 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, December 2, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
Davison High School  
Athletic Meeting Room  
1250 N. Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karen D. Conover, Secretary  
Davison Board of Education

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