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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, November 14, 2011

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:** Megan Kechner
Joseph Kennedy

ADMINISTRATION: Eric Lieske, Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Romzek, 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
Lance Harper, Hill Elementary Principal
Sandy Hynes, Thomson Elementary Principal
Sue Kenkel, Alternative Education Principal
Matt Shanafelt, High School Principal
Jenny Torok, Central Elementary Principal

STAFF: Michelle Edwards, Tara Hendrix, Wade Batey, Leslie Young, Christy Flowers, Jennifer Szlachta, Melissa Jones, Helen Carroll, Dave Gomon, Jennifer Thomas, Christa Parks, Diana DeSilva, Charlene Cooper, Amy Leach, Jeane Fulcher, Linda Strine, Tara Hendrix, Jody Kosiara, Michelle McKinnon, Josie Paquette, and Mary Weider

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OTHER GUESTS:

Stacy Moyer, Jacob Nave, Pastor James Olah, Pastor Ron Stier, Tony Craig, Kelly Craig, Bailey Bogard, Carol Dowsett, Eleanore Rutledge, Alice Fowler, Tyler Fowler, Lisa Osborne, Louis Rivas, Jared Rawls, Jelecia Ford, Chuck Jones, Jared Bearup, Kelsey McMahan, Tracy Fox, Jennifer Campbell, Kelly McMahan, Becky Wilhite, Suzette Stephens, and Jacob Jobe

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Davison Board of Education was called to order by President Kathleen Sudia at 7:03 pm in the Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Teacher Sponsor Tara Hendrix and 5th and 6th grade Hahn Heroes. Hahn Heroes are students who are nominated by their teachers and recognized for following the Cardinal Code.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Dale Green, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the open minutes for the previous regular meeting of October 3, 2011. Approval of the closed session minutes of October 3, 2011. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the October 3, 2011 board meeting.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills for October:

AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER, DTV, Athletic Fund, Cafeteria Fund, and Student Activity Fund	\$	1,266,828.00
Building Debt Fund	\$	285,162.50
Building & Site Sinking Fund	\$	193,818.42

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October.

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4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period of September 30 through November 14, 2011. As part of the Personnel Report, Superintendent Lieske announced the resignation of Thomson Elementary Principal Sandy Hynes for the purpose of retirement effective January 1, 2012. Also, Assistant Superintendent Brown introduced Matt Shanafelt who was recently hired as principal for Davison High School effective November 14, 2011.
5. **Quarterly Financial Report:** Approval of the Quarterly Finance Report through September 30, 2011 including budgets for the General Operating Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Student Activity Fund.

The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

Board of Education Secretary Karen Conover arrived at 7:12 pm to attend the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations

- 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 "GeoED Kids Go Global," DAE Strategic Reading and Writing Interventions," "Literacy for Boys," "Smart Response System," and "Sensational Station."

Hahn Intermediate teachers Christa Parks and Diana DeSilva provided information regarding one of this year's DEF funded mini-grant projects, "Hahn GeoEd Kids Go Global."

Central Elementary teachers Melissa Jones and Dave Gomon along with Speech Pathologist Helen Carroll provided information regarding one of this year's DEF funded mini-grant projects, "Sensational Station."

- Selected as the fifth DEF Professional Scholarship recipients, Literacy Specialists Christy Flowers and Jennifer Szlachta presented highlights of their learning experience while attending a summer workshop entitled, "Drawing Children into Reading."
- Alternative Education Principal Sue Kenkel and Counselor Jennifer Thomas presented information regarding the school's "Adults Caring for and Encouraging Students (A.C.E.S.);" intervention program which is designed to help at-risk students achieve their academic and personal goals.

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Principal Kenkel, Superintendent Lieske, and Board President Sudia recognized several volunteer mentors who, through their efforts, provided encouragement and support to 12 Alternative Education students who all achieved their 2011 goal to graduate. Each mentor was presented with a certificate of appreciation. Also recognized, thanked, and presented with a plaque was Pastor James Olah for his nine year commitment, dedication, and positive impact to students at Davison Alternative Education.

- Davison High School DECA Community Service Project Chairperson Jacob Nave provided information regarding the organization's annual participation in the Cool to Care holiday food drive. The event is scheduled for November 14 through December 5 and provides assistance to area families 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 6, 2012, 7 pm, in the Ude Auditorium and that the high school graduation be held Monday, June 11, 2012, 7 pm, at Perani's Arena and Event Center. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to approve the dates and locations for graduation as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

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

APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.: Approval of the overnight trip requested for eighth grade students to travel to Washington D.C. on May 24-28, 2011. Moved by Larry Finkbeiner, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the eighth grade student trip scheduled over Memorial Day weekend to Washington D.C. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

BUDGET REVISION APPROVAL: Finance and Operations Director Dan Romzek 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. The proposed revision has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee. Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the general fund budget revision as recommended. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS: Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to gratefully accept the following contributions and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Davison resident Neil Parr donated two computer monitors to the technology department for use as needed throughout the district.
- Burton resident Priscilla Nagy donated a mail station to the Davison High School Career Department's computer lab for student enlightenment.
- Davison resident Carol Wright donated computer equipment to the technology department for use as needed throughout the district.
- Mission and Concerns Committee Chairperson Diane Roetter on behalf of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church donated 42 sets of hand knit scarves and hats (plus purchased gloves/mittens) made by members of the church congregation to Gates Elementary for local families in need.
- Retired Davison Middle School Teacher Dave Smith donated seven boxes of various rocks, minerals, and fossils to the middle school Earth Science Department to provide students authentic samples that directly relate to their course studies.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

- Superintendent Lieske reminded each Board member to select the Board Goal Committee they would like to participate in and provide him their preference.
- During last week's district-wide parent/teacher conferences the district's new philosophy on grading called Standards Referenced Grading (SRG) was successfully introduced to parents.

From our Student Representatives:

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

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

- Board members had discussion on a variety of topics.

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Future Meeting Dates:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2011
 7:00 pm
 Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room
 1250 N. Oak Road
 Davison, MI 48423

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen D. Conover, Secretary
Davison Board of Education

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