

## DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**Board of Education**  
Monday, June 28, 2021  
Cardinal Center Board Room

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Conover  
Nicholas Goyette  
Eric Lieske  
Stefanie Pickell  
Diane Rhines  
Matthew Smith  
Granger Stefanko

**ADMINISTRATION:** Kevin Brown, Superintendent  
Leslie Young, Director of Business Services

**STAFF:** Kevin Roberts, Becky Turkovics, Rachel Wheaton

**OTHER GUESTS:** Bob Beckelic, Shirley Herner, Dana Hopper, Sherry Marden

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Davison Board of Education was called to order by President Karen Conover at 7:00 pm in the Davison Cardinal Center Board Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Granger Stefanko.

**ROLL CALL:** Robin Ricica read the roll. Members present: Karen Conover, Nicholas Goyette, Eric Lieske, Stefanie Pickell, Diane Rhines, Matthew Smith, Granger Stefanko.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the agenda as presented by changing the signature line to read Diane Rhines as secretary. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Eric Lieske, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-3 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes for the previous regular meeting and closed session meeting of June 14, 2021. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the June 14, 2021 Board meeting.

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2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through June 24, 2021:

AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV  
Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund      \$ 1,399,828.87

3. **Final Amendments of 2020/2021 General Fund, School Service Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, and Capital Projects Fund:** Approval of a final revision of the 2020/2021 General Operating Fund, School Service Special Revenue Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, and Capital Projects Fund budgets, reflecting minor recent adjustments in revenues and expenditures.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**From the Public:** Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board.

- Mr. Bob Beckelic expressed how happy he was to see this year's graduation take place at the Cardinal Stadium and how pleased parents and students were to attend in person.

With that said, he expressed concern about a particular Board member talking to others on stage and not clapping for our seniors during their procession. Those seated around him were trying to pay attention. Mr. Beckelic felt his behavior was very disrespectful. He also addressed the criminal charges made against Mr. Smith. He said if the allegations are true, Mr. Smith should stand up and take responsibility for his actions and step down.

- Sherry Marden addressed the charges accusing Trustee Smith of making a threatening phone call. She stated anyone could be falsely accused and we should not rush to take someone off the Board. She said she believes in our justice system and that the truth will be proven and believes it is necessary to get on with normal everyday things.
- Dana Hopper also spoke about the charges against Trustee Smith and feels these accusations are about fake news and politics. She has looked into the accusations and as Mr. Smith is not in jail, people need to be fair, honest and just before making any decisions.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to be read.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION TO BORROW:** It is necessary annually at this time for the district to borrow funds in anticipation of state aid which will be received later in the year. Mrs. Young prepared a cash flow analysis using preliminary revenue figures furnished by the Michigan Department of Education that reveals we may need to borrow up to

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\$3,460,000. A summary memo from Mrs. Young and a resolution prepared by Attorney Matthew Hiser of Thrun Law Firm was presented. Moved by Diane Rhines, supported by Eric Lieske, to approve the resolution to borrow \$3,460,000. 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.)

**APPROVAL OF TAX RATE:** Leslie Young reviewed information regarding tax rate certification for the coming year, and invited members of the Board and the audience to ask questions under the Truth in Taxation requirements. There was discussion from the Board and questions were answered. No one in the audience chose to speak. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Nicholas Goyette, to request collection of 2021 property taxes at the following rates:

<i>Non-Primary Residency Exemption Properties for operating purposes</i>	17.7606 mills
<i>Commercial Personal Properties for operating purposes</i>	5.7606 mills
<i>Extra voted for Sinking Fund</i>	1.3673 mills
<i>Extra voted Debt Refunding 2003 (refunded 2012)</i>	1.2000 mills
<i>Extra voted Debt Refunding 2003 (refunded 2013)</i>	.2000 mills
<i>Extra voted Debt Service 2013</i>	1.0000 mills
<i>Extra voted Debt Service 2020</i>	2.7400 mills

There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the documents follows the official minutes.)

**ADOPTION OF 2020/2021 BUDGETS:** The Finance Committee has reviewed and discussed the budgets for the 2021/2022 school year. These were reviewed by Leslie Young and recommended for adoption. Mrs. Young invited members of the Board and the audience to ask questions. There was discussion from the Board and questions were answered. No one in the audience chose to speak. Moved by Eric Lieske, supported by Nicholas Goyette, to approve the following 2021/2022 budgets: (1) the General Operating Fund; (2) the School Service Special Revenue Fund; (3) the Debt Retirement Fund; and (4) the Building and Site Capital Projects Fund. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF POLICIES FOR THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:** In February 2014, the Board approved entering into an agreement with Neola of Michigan to provide a policy manual review of the current Board of Education policies. The Board Policy and Planning Committee has met to review, revise and create policies for the following sections (distributed previously for review). Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Nicholas Goyette, to approve the following policies for the second reading and adoption:

1422	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
3122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
4122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
1623	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment

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3123	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
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1622	Anti-Harassment
3362	Anti-Harassment
4362	Anti-Harassment
2260	Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
2260.01	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
5517	Anti-Harassment
2266	Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
5341	Emergency Medical Authorization
5342	Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNR) for Minor Students
5343	Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (POST)
7440.01	Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
7455	Accounting System for Fixed Assets
8321	Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency)
8330	Student Records
8400	School Safety Information
8500	Food Services
8510	Wellness

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

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

- Superintendent Brown provided an update on the progress of bond projects currently underway in the district.

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

- Vice President Granger Stefanko called for Trustee Matthew Smith to resign. Mr. Smith stated he would not resign and denied threatening Ms. Kelly. When questioned as to whether he made the call to Ms. Kelly, Mr. Smith stated repeatedly he did not threaten Ms. Kelly but did not respond to Mr. Stefanko's question as to if he made the call.

Mr. Smith also alleged President Conover's husband, Judge John Conover, was meeting with County Clerk John Gleason and conspiring against him.

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**Future Meeting Date:**

Next Regular Meeting:  
Wednesday, July 14, 2021  
7:00 pm  
Cardinal Center Board Room  
1490 North Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Eric Lieske, supported by Granger Stefanko, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:



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Diane Rhines, Secretary  
Davison Board of Education