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# DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Board of Education

Monday, March 1, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

### Virtual Zoom Meeting

### MINUTES

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

**ADMINISTRATION:** Kevin Brown, Superintendent  
Matt Lobban, Assistant Superintendent

**STAFF:** Ron Jacobs, High School Principal  
Joe Francis, Custodian

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Karen Conover.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Eric Lieske, to approve the consent agenda which includes items 1 to 4 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the regular minutes for the previous meeting of February 1, 2021. Approval of the minutes distributed for committee meetings held since the February 1 Board meeting.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through February 19:

AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund: \$ 1,397,943.49.

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3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report through February 19, 2021.
4. **Approval of Personnel Report**

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **Special Presentations:**

- **Kids First Award Recognition:** Hill Elementary Custodian Joe Francis was honored as our 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.
- **National Merit Recognition:** Davison High School Principal Ron Jacobs presented on the National Merit Program and introduced Lauren Coughlin. Lauren is a senior at Davison High School and is being recognized as a "Commended Student" in the 2021 National Merit Program. She is the daughter of Barbara and Marc Coughlin.

**From the Public:** Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. No one from the public made comments.

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

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN 30-DAY RECONFIRMATION:** On September 14, 2020 the Board approved the District's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. The Board is required to reconfirm our plan monthly taking into consideration the following:

- COVID-19 cases or positive COVID-19 tests
- Hospitalizations due to COVID-19
- Number of deaths resulting from COVID-19 over a 14-day period
- COVID-19 cases for each day for each 1 million individuals
- The percentage of positive COVID-19 tests over a 4-week period
- Health capacity strength
- Testing, tracing and containment infrastructure with regard to COVID-19.

In addition to these seven items, the District is also required to report out the percentage of two-way interactions being made between teachers and online students. The district must, at a meeting of the board, reconfirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Nicholas Goyette, to reconfirm the Extended COVID-19 Learning 30-Day Reconfirmation Plan. Motion passed with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DAVISON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DAVISON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (DEA):** The Davison Education Association recently ratified a new two year agreement (2020/2021 and 2021/2022) reached with district bargainers. A summary of the agreement was previously provided to the Board and recommended for approval. Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Matthew Smith, to approve the DEA Master Agreement for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 school year. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:** Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Diane Rhines, to gratefully accept the following contributions and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Mark Owen of Meemic Insurance donated four \$100 Visa gift cards in support of the Kids First Award program.
- East Side Mission donated backpacks, school supplies and coats to Thomson Elementary to be used by students in need.
- Theresa Mileski donated two boxes of books to the media center at Siple Elementary.
- Genesee Education Consultant Services (GECS) donated a \$750 grant to provide scholarships to assist high school students in dual enrollment programs or to those graduating seniors in need of financial aid.
- Davison Free Methodist Church donated school supplies, paper towels, tissues and gift cards to each classroom at Thomson Elementary.
- Meijer in Davison donated \$1,500 in gift cards to be distributed in May for staff appreciation.
- Wood Chips BBQ Restaurant in Lapeer made a donation in the amount of \$411.25 to Davison's Food Service Department to pay off student outstanding lunch debts.

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

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **From the Superintendent**

- Superintendent Brown attended the Genesee County Superintendent's Association winter work session in Midland on February 25-27. The conference focused on leadership and was a great opportunity to reconnect and share experiences with other local superintendents.

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

- Trustee Smith expressed his concerns regarding the Governor's order that restricts Board members from meeting in person. Trustee Smith read a resolution, prepared by the Michigan Association of School Boards, requesting school boards be given the option to meet either virtually or in person. Superintendent Brown offered to write a letter, on behalf of Board members, to express these concerns to the Governor and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

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- Trustee Smith proposed using the vacant property north of Hill Elementary as a good location to place a sign welcoming visitors to Davison and recognizing the 2020 State Championship football team. Superintendent Brown has a mockup of a sign he will share with the Buildings/Grounds & Transportation Committee at their next meeting.

**Future Meeting Date:**

Monday, April 12, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room  
1250 N Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Diane Rhines, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 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