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## DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### Board of Education

Monday, December 2, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Conover  
Lawrence Finkbeiner  
Dale Green  
Kim Lindsay  
Mark McGlashen  
Kathleen Sudia  
Doug Theodoroff

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE  
PRESENT:** Matthew McAuliffe

**STUDENT  
RESPRESENTATIVE  
ABSENT:** 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  
David Beamer, Alternative Education Dean of Students  
Pam Chedister, Siple Elementary Principal  
Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Middle School Principal  
Lance Harper, Central Elementary Principal  
Natalie Miller, Thomson Elementary Principal  
Matthew Shanafelt, High School Principal  
Josh Wallberg, Athletic Director  
Jennifer Torok, Hill Elementary Principal

**STAFF:** Sarah Smith-Clark (DEA), Ben Montgomery, Tiffany Burghdorf, Janet Green, Tiffany Sayles, Angie Hards, Eric Chorley, Chris Lesko, Shawna Shorkey



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3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November.
4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period of November 8 through November 26, 2013. Superintendent Lieske noted that included in the Personnel Report is the resignation, for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2014, of the district's long-standing administrator: Executive Director of Student Services Donna Whitley.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **Special Presentations**

- **Technology in the Classroom:** Central Elementary second grade CAP teacher Ben Montgomery and eight of his students shared their experience thus far with *Google Play for Education* on *Nexus 7* tablets. Mr. Montgomery and his students provided some insight into their use of *Nearpod* which is an interactive presentation system; *Google Docs* which is an online word processing system with conferencing; and *Socrative* which is used for quizzes and student inquiry.
- **Recognition of High School Athletic Team:** The Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team was recognized for their achievement as Division Champs for the fourth consecutive year. The team was led by Coach Tiffany Burghdorf and Assistant Coach Janet Green. Athletic Director Josh Wallberg presented each coach and team member with a certificate on behalf of the Board recognizing their accomplishment.
- **District Accreditation Update:** School improvement and systems accreditation have been a long standing focus in Davison Community Schools. In 2009 the District moved from school building to district level accreditation through AdvancED/NCA. This process has created an even more razor sharp focus on best practices for teaching and learning and has become the culture within our school buildings district-wide. District Improvement Co-Chairs Angie Hards and Eric Chorley provided an update on school improvement and systems accreditation in Davison and the next steps of the process in preparation for the upcoming external review scheduled for May 4-7, 2014.

**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.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL OF BEST PRACTICES INCENTIVE RESOLUTION:** For the 2013/14 school year's budget, the state is providing financial incentives to schools districts that provide best practices. The district meets eight of the eight best practices as identified in Section 22f of the State School Aid Act which will enable the district to receive the \$52 per pupil incentive. A resolution was presented certifying that the district has complied with the required criteria. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve this resolution as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

**APPROVAL OF NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR SALE:** A 2000 New Holland TS 110 Tractor with triple flail mowers and a 96" snow blower attachment were offered for sale through the bidding process in accordance with Board Policy 3900 Surplus Books, Equipment and Supplies. The high bid was received from Jim Bishop of New Holland in the amount of \$26,500.00. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the sale of this tractor with the listed attachments for \$26,500.00. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

- Community member Susan Smith donated \$5,872.80 to Hill Elementary for use toward the funding of the school's intersessions. The donation will be used to help provide intersession scholarships and supplies.
- Gates Elementary parent Maureen Dormire donated 20 gently used and new children's paperback and hard cover books to Gates Elementary for student use in the classroom.
- Davison Eagle Riders # 3589 donated \$250 to the Davison Schools Cardinals Care Account. The money will be used to assist a family in need through the Holiday Assistance Program.
- Care2Share Baking Company and Bear Soup Deli donated \$30 to Davison Community Schools in support of the district's anti-bullying efforts.
- April Eckles donated \$250 to Hill Elementary to assist with field trip funding during the school's intersession. The donation enabled students to attend at off-site campus experience at Covenant Hills Camp in Otisville.

