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# DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Board of Education

Monday, December 6, 2010

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  
REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT:**

David Kennedy  
Megan Kechner

**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, Central Elementary Principal  
Holly Halabicky, Hahn Intermediate Principal  
Jennifer Hall, High School Assistant Principal  
Lance Harper, Hill Elementary Principal  
Sandy Hynes, Thomson Elementary Principal  
Sue Kenkel, Alternative Education Principal  
Martha Morris, High School Principal  
Ken Nuss, Middle School Principal  
Jerry Piger, High School Assistant Principal  
Josh Wallberg, Athletic Director  
Theresa Wendt, Gates Elementary Principal

**STAFF:**

Michelle Edwards, Angie Chinevere (DEA), Susan Vamos,  
Natalie Miller, Eric Chorley, Angie Hards, Dave Handwerker,  
Shelly Williams, Linda Strine, Michael McCollum, Michelle  
Wright, Jenny Berhe. Leandra Lints, April Bowen, Patty  
Jozwiak, Sue Makarewicz, Jodi McDaniel, Nancy Kerr, Leigh  
Anne Draper

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**OTHER GUESTS:** George Jaksa (Davison Flagstaff), Gary Gould (Davison Index), Tracy Bennett, Noel McDowell, Sierra McDowell, Betty Moss, Joyce Schneider, Joseph Madore, Robert Vamos, Larry Hrinik, Michael Hart, Jim Waldron, Connie Hill, Gary Minto, Darrell Wright, Kurt Soper

**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 Hill Elementary second through fourth graders who are members of the *Sign Language II* after-school club. The student's introduced themselves and accompanied the pledge using the sign language skills they have learned.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Dale Green, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-4 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the open and closed session minutes for the previous regular meeting of November 1, 2010. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the November 1, 2010 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                      \$ 1,601,734.71
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 October 29 through November 30, 2010.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **Special Presentations**

- **NCA/AdvancEd District Accreditation Quality Achievement Recognition:** Superintendent Eric Lieske and District School Improvement Co-Chairs Angie Hards and Eric Chorley shared information regarding the NCA/AdvancEd school improvement process and unveiled the plaque recently presented to the district from AdvancEd for District Accreditation Quality Achievement. Superintendent Lieske also extended a congratulations and thank you to all stakeholders for their hard work, dedication, and support throughout the accreditation process.
- **Davison Educational Foundation Teacher Mini-Grant Recipients:** 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 "Digital Cameras for Art Students," "2goPC's," and "Smart Pens."

Literacy Specialist Natalie Miller provided information regarding one of this year's DEF funded mini-grant projects, "2goPCs." A "2goPC" is an interactive mini laptop equipped to help improve reading instruction and assessment. Through this mini-grant the district has at least one "2goPC" in each elementary and Hahn Intermediate school.

- **Davison Educational Foundation Professional Scholarship Recipient:** Selected as the fourth DEF Professional Scholarship recipient, Hahn Intermediate Teacher Angie Chinevere presented highlights of her learning experience after attending the Autism Society's 41<sup>st</sup> National Conference and Exposition in Dallas, Texas this past July. Angie also provided information and, with Board Treasurer Kim Lindsay's help, demonstrated one of this year's DEF mini-grant projects, the "Smart Pen."
- **Great Start Readiness and Junior First Programs:** Thomson Elementary Principal Sandy Hynes and Early Learning Coordinator Susan Vamos provided information on the Great Start Readiness and Junior First programs offered at Thomson Elementary. Both intervention programs are in place to bridge the gap between our lowest and highest achieving students to ensure that all students learn the necessary skills to meet grade level benchmarks.

**From the Public:** Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. There was no response from the public.

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**Correspondence:** Board Secretary Karen Conover read two thank you letters. The first, addressed to Principal Martha Morris and the Art Department, was from Assistant Director Jeff Garrett of the Flint Institute of Arts for the district's donation of an Evenheat 6320 XL kiln from the high school art department to the institute's Art School. The second, addressed to High School National Honor Society (NHS) Teacher Sponsor Tammy Heavner and NHS students, was from Genesee Intermediate School District Superintendent Lisa Hagel for NHS student's participation and parade contribution at the recent Genesee County Holiday Celebration.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL OF THE GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL TRIP:** Approval of an overnight trip requested for the girls' varsity softball team to travel to Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, to participate in a Spring Training Camp, April 1-9, 2011. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve the trip as requested. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF SUMMER MARCHING BAND CAMP:** Jim Schuster, director of instrumental music at DHS, requested approval for the annual high school summer marching band camp. This year's camp is scheduled for August 7-12, 2011 at Echo Grove Camp in Leonard, Michigan. Information regarding the overnight trip was provided. Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Dale Green, to approve the summer marching band camp as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 7- yes, 0-no.

**GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM (GSRP) RESOLUTION:** A resolution pertaining to our pre-school program for at-risk four-year old children was presented. The program is funded by a grant from the State of Michigan. Moved by Larry Finkbeiner, supported by Doug Theodoroff, to approve the re-authorization resolution for the GSRP program as recommended. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:** Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Dale Green, to gratefully accept the following contributions and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Heidi and Thomas Reek, high school parents, donated \$500 to the athletic department for the Girls' Swim Team.
- Davison parent Danielle Broecker-Carolin donated \$50 to the athletic office for the Girls' Swim Team.
- Russell Stephens, a Davison resident, donated two computers, a set of speakers, a keyboard and mouse, two monitors, two games, two storage cases,

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and a mouse pad to the high school business department to be used in the A+ Computer Repair class.

- Davison resident Jack and Sandy Abernathy donated a used washer and dryer to the high school for use in the athletic department.
- Board Secretary Karen Conover donated computer equipment and components to the technology department for use as needed throughout the district.
- Christine Jones, a Davison resident, donated \$300 to Hill Elementary. The school counselor will use the funds to assist students in need of nutritional food supplements.
- Hill Elementary PTO purchased and installed a backstop to enhance Hill school's playground for students.
- Wojo's Garden Splendor donated plant materials valued at \$100 to Hill Elementary for sign beautification and landscaping.
- Gates Elementary Monitor Amy Walker donated an assortment of stuffed toys, schools supplies, and craft items to serve as golden ticket prizes for Gates' Cardinal Code Incentive Program.
- Thomson Elementary PTO donated \$896 to provide the rock, sand, and labor for Thomson's playground improvement project.
- The Kiwanis Club donated \$500 to the Davison High School Key Club. The monetary donation will help fund the club's ability to provide holiday assistance to struggling families and offer other various community services.

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

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **From our Student Representatives:**

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

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

- Dale Green commented on the evening's presentations and thanked the press for attending and providing follow-up coverage. He also provided information gathered at the recently attended MASB Fall Conference.

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**Future Meeting Dates:**

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 10, 2011  
7:00 pm  
Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room  
1250 N. Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karen D. Conover, Secretary  
Davison Board of Education

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