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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, February 2, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Conover
Lawrence Finkbeiner
Dale Green
Andrew Hall
Kim Lindsay
Mark McGlashen
Kathleen Sudia

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:**

Amanda George
Ryan Myers

ADMINISTRATION:

Eric Lieske, Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent
Holly Halabicky, Executive Director of Student Services
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information
Phil Thom, Director of Operations
Leslie Young, Director of Business Services
David Beamer, Athletic Director
Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Middle School Principal
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal
Lance Harper, Central Elementary Principal
Natalie Miller, Thomson Elementary Principal
Josie Paquette, Middle School Assistant Principal
Matthew Shanafelt, High School Principal
Jennifer Torok, Hill Elementary Principal
Theresa Wendt, Gates Elementary Principal

STAFF:

Andrew Ogden, Josh Rhinebolt, Amy Tranchida, Tracey Bennett

OTHER GUESTS:

Liz Francis, Jamie Agesen, Andrea Griswold, Ty Woznek, Alicia Hensley, Theresa Unger, Barbara Starr, Tim Zirnhelt, Mike Christopherson, Arleen Christopherson, Jessica Wright, Beth Latchana, Kelly Craig, Rick Freeman, Johnelle Hershberger, Diane Freeman, Tammy Allen, Sarah White, Kesha Norman, Courtney Elliott, Josh Black, Melissa Bellinger, Scott Bednarski, Linda Lemcool

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Special Presentations:

- **Recognition of Davison Crossing Guards:** For years the District and the City of Davison Police Department have partnered to provide crossing guards to assist the many student walkers on their way to school in the morning and at school dismissal times. Interim Chief of Police Don Harris was recognized for his excellent leadership and assistance to the District. He was provided a new flashing crossing sign to use when his extra assistance is needed.

Superintendent Eric Lieske, Board President Kathleen Sudia on behalf of the Board and Interim Chief of Police Don Harris then recognized the four crossing guards: Mike Christopherson, Linda Lemcool, Barbara Starr and Amy Tranchida. Each were presented with new flashing crossing signs, certificates of appreciation and gift cards to Tim Hortons for their dedication and commitment in ensuring the safety of our students and their efforts in carrying out this important duty.

- **Recognition of Transportation Department Employees:** On January 16, 2015, Bus Driver Josh Rhinebolt and Monitor Andrew Ogden were near Richfield Road and M-15 when the bus began experiencing mechanical problems. There were no students on the bus. They pulled into a nearby gas station and discovered that one of the transmission lines had broken and was spilling fluid on the hot manifold, causing smoke to come out from underneath the bus. Mr. Rhinebolt quickly grabbed an extinguisher and doused the area, which prevented further damage and possibly even a fire. Superintendent Eric Lieske and Board President Kathleen Sudia on behalf of the Board recognized the two transportation employees and presented certificates of appreciation for their quick and calm actions in averting a potentially dangerous situation.
- **Balanced Calendar:** In an effort to continue meeting the needs of our students and community a district-wide balanced school calendar has been a topic of discussion throughout the district. Superintendent Lieske has traveled to each school building and parent group in the district and provided three community forums to provide information on the possibility of transitioning to a district-wide balanced school calendar. Superintendent Lieske provided an informational presentation on the concept of a district-wide balanced school calendar to the Board and guests.

From the Public: Guests were welcomed and invited to address the Board. The following guests addressed the Board:

- Mr. Rick Freeman, Davison Township Chief of Police and past Hill Elementary parent, shared information from a parent's perspective on the benefits of having your children attend a balanced calendar school.

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- Crossing guard Barbara Starr thanked the Board for tonight's recognition and the wonderful gifts received.
- Keshia Norman, owner and CEO of Teach 2 Reach School of Cosmetology, provided information packets to each Board member regarding class offerings and learning opportunities her non-profit organization offers students. She encouraged the Board to consider a collaborative partnership by offering Teach 2 Reach services to students within the district.
- Pastor Ty Woznek of Life Fellowship Chapel commended the Davison Board of Education, Superintendent Lieske and the District's administrative staff for their excellent leadership and betterment of the community.
- Hill Elementary parent Beth Latchana, on behalf of her husband Mark, three children and other families present at the Board meeting expressed her support of the District moving to a balanced calendar. As a Hill Elementary parent, she provided personal insight surrounding the many benefits of having children attend a balanced calendar school.
- Davison High School 11th grade student Morgan Freeman provided the Board her perspective as a student who attended Hill Elementary's balanced calendar school. She shared many positive memories of the school's intersessions and believes the additional breaks throughout the school year would be beneficial to students of all ages.
- Davison Board of Education Vice President Dale Green who also serves as Treasurer on the GISD Board of Education presented materials and shared information regarding the many GISD services and programs.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS, SOCCER BUILDING

RENOVATIONS AND STUDENT PARKING LOT: Bids were received from construction contractors for the building of high school tennis courts, soccer building renovations and construction of a new student parking lot. A memorandum from Director of Operations Phil Thom and a bid tabulation and communication from Rob Atkins, Director of Engineering for Kingscott Associates, Inc., which summarized the bids received and provided recommendation was provided. Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Larry Finkbeiner, to approve the construction contract to DCC Construction for the tennis courts, soccer building renovation and student parking lot in the amount of \$1,121,000.00, in accordance with their low bid. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7- yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF ELECTION RESOLUTION: A resolution prepared by Thrun Law Firm was presented for Board approval. The resolution calls for our May 5, 2015 school election which includes two ballot propositions for the renewal of the District's Non-Homestead Millage and its Building and Site Sinking Fund. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve the resolution as recommended. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

MASB ELECTION: Information was provided regarding the election procedures for the 2015 MASB Board of Directors election from the Michigan Association of School Boards and candidate information for the Region 5 MASB Board of Director vacancy. One Region 5 seat with a three-year term and one Group V with a one-year term are open. In the past, our Board has designated the Board secretary to review the candidates for office and cast the ballot(s) on behalf of the entire Board. Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Dale Green, to designate Board secretary Karen Conover as the individual to review the slate of candidates and direct Kathy LaFeldt to cast the electronic ballots for MASB Region 5 and Group V on behalf of the Board of Education. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF GCASBM CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: A copy of the GCASBM Constitution and Bylaws along with a proposed amendment and a ballot for approval was provided. The association's Executive Committee requested board action to approve the association's Constitution and Bylaws including the proposed amendment. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Dale Green to approve the GCASBM Constitution and Bylaws including the proposed amendment. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT TRIP TO DECA STATE CONFERENCE: Marketing Instructor and DECA Advisor Matt Ames requested the Board's authorization for 70 high school marketing students from the DECA Club to travel to Grand Rapids to attend the State DECA Conference on March 12-15, 2015, at the Amway Grand hotel. Details of the trip were provided. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Andrew Hall, to approve the DECA Club overnight as requested. The motion was carried with a vote of 7- yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA CLUB STATE CONFERENCE: High School Business Teacher and BPA Advisor Amy Fanning requested the Board's authorization for a group of 11 students who qualified at the 2015 BPA Regional Competition in January to attend the State BPA Conference held in Grand Rapids on March 19-22, 2015. Information regarding the trip was provided. Moved by Larry Finkbeiner, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve the BPA overnight trip as requested. The motion was carried with a vote of 7- yes, 0-no.

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APPROVAL OF SECTION 105 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE RESOLUTION: Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979 as amended by Public Act 62 of 2011 permits school districts to accept schools of choice enrollment applications from non-residents in Genesee County. A resolution to participate in the Section 105 Schools of Choice program was presented. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve the resolution to participate in the Section 105 Schools of Choice program for the 2015/2016 school year. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF SECTION 105c SCHOOLS OF CHOICE RESOLUTION: Section 105c of the State School Aid Act of 1979 as amended by Public Act 62 of 2011 permits school districts to accept schools of choice enrollment applications from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts. A resolution to participate in the Section 105c Schools of Choice program was presented. Districts may participate in both Section 105c Schools of Choice and Section 105 Schools of Choice. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Dale Green, to approve the resolution to participate in the Section 105c Schools of Choice program for the 2015/2016 school year. There was discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

- Davison residents Brian and Sharon Jacobs donated miscellaneous pieces of athletic clothing to the Davison High School for student use.
- Lisa Kamischke of Whitmore Lake donated two Clarinets, one wooden Selmer Signet and one plastic Bundy to the DHS Instrumental Music Department for student use.
- Parent Karrie Worthing donated six winter coats, three at Central Elementary and three at Thomson Elementary, for any child to receive that needs one.
- Kenneth Minto, Jr. of Davison, as part of his company's Good Works Employee Giving Campaign, donated \$100 to Davison Middle School. The money will be placed in the school's Student Activities account which provides funding for various activities that involve students.

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

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From the Superintendent:

- Superintendent Lieske informed the Board that yesterday's weather and road conditions provided a clear decision to cancel school today. We are currently in the process of checking the bus runs on the country roads to help determine whether we cancel school again tomorrow.

Board Committee Assignments: A memo from President Kathleen Sudia listing the assignments for the five standing Board committees for the 2015 calendar year was presented.

From our Student Representatives: Amanda George and Ryan Myers reported on events of interest at Davison High School.

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

- There were no comments from members of the Board of Education.

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CLOSED SESSION REGARDING A STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER: Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Karen Conover, to convene into closed session at 8:36 pm for the purpose of discussing a student disciplinary matter. The student's parent requested the matter be heard in closed session, which is allowed under Section 8[b] of Michigan's Open Meetings Act. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 9:36 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

STUDENT EXPULSION: Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Mark McGlashen, that the student brought before the Board tonight be expelled from Davison Community Schools due to a violation of the student code of conduct. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

CLOSED SESSION: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to convene into closed session at 9:39 pm for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiation strategy which is allowed under Section 8[c] of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Karen Conover, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 10:11 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE CHARGES: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Mark McGlashen, to authorize Thrun Law Firm, P.C., to file and pursue, for and on behalf of this Board of Education, unfair labor practice charges against the Davison Education Association, MEA/NEA. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no, 1-abstained (Dale Green due to conflict of interest).

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Conover, Secretary
Davison Board of Education

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