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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, January 4, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Dowsett

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:** Jessica Poster
David Kennedy

ADMINISTRATION: Clay Perkins, Superintendent of Schools
Eric Lieske, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Romzek, Director of Finance and Operations
Donna Whitley, Special Services Director
Kevin Brown, High School Principal
Pam Chedister, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal
Brad Dietz, Middle School Assistant Principal
Shelly Fenner-Krasny, Central Elementary Principal
Holly Halabicky, Hahn Intermediate Principal
Lance Harper, Hill Elementary Principal
Sandy Hynes, Thomson Elementary Principal
Sue Kenkel, Alternative Education Principal
Julie Malenich, High School Assistant Principal
Martha Morris, Siple Elementary Principal
Ken Nuss, Middle School Principal
Jerry Piger, High School Assistant Principal
Josh Wallberg, Athletic Director
Theresa Wendt, Gates Elementary Principal

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STAFF: Michelle Edwards, Sheryl Kennedy (DEA), Ryan Kelsey, Linda Scharrer, Bobbie Chamberlain, Randy Scott, Sandy Coots, Chris Wilson, Kerri Mulder

OTHER GUESTS: Gary Gould (Davison Index), George Jaksa (Davison Flagstaff), Judge John Conover, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jay Snodgrass, Diane Welker (RN - Hurley Medical Center), Greg Kenkel, Nick Baker, Elise Millard, Courtney Ketchmark, Allison McDowell, Shane Kwasneski, Ben Webber, Drake Martin, Austin LaFave, Sara Bellamy, Ryan Mullin, Katie Wirth, Larissa Elliot, Kyrstie Kirby, Jessica Hadley, McKenzie Brown, Kelleen Mulkey, Allison Newman, Jordan Dotson, Heather Mireles, Alex Dudas, Kyle Miller, Jessica Hadley

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 several DHS and DAE art students along with their teachers Ryan Kelsey, Linda Scharrer, and Bobbie Chamberlain. The students set up displays of their art work for the Board, administrators, and guests to view. They recently participated in this year's annual Flint Art Walk with plans to participate in another art fair this spring and hold their own art show in May at Davison High School.

ROLL CALL: Kathy LaFeldt read the roll. Members present: Karen Conover, Lawrence Finkbeiner, Dale Green, Kim Lindsay, Mark McGlashen, and Kathleen Sudia. Member absent: Carol Dowsett. Student members present: Jessica Poster and David Kennedy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-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:

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1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the open session minutes for the previous regular meeting of December 7, 2009. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the December 7, 2009 board meeting.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills for December:

AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER, DTV, Athletic Fund, Cafeteria Fund, and Student Activity Fund	\$	1,409,371.46
Building & Site Fund	\$	38,931.08
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report (distributed at the board meeting and follows the minutes) for the month of December.
4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period of December 3 through December 22, 2009.

The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Special Presentations

- **Recognition of Board Members:** January is "School Board Member Recognition Month" in Michigan. In acknowledgment of the Board's service to the district the following recognitions were presented:

The Davison High School DECA Club provided a gift of appreciation from the Cardinal Shop to each Board member as a thank you for their continued support.

Davison Education Association Vice President Sheryl Kennedy informed board members that a donation had been made in the Board's name to Outreach East on behalf of the DEA. Student representatives were presented with movie theatre gift cards. The union also provided a cake for the meeting. Mrs. Kennedy thanked Board Members for all their hard work and commitment to the children in our community.

Several students representing DAE presented the Board with a DVD that featured various pictures of students and staff in appreciation of their newly renovated building. Each DAE student provided individual comments of appreciation about their new environment.

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Sue Kenkel and Theresa Wendt, on behalf of the district administrators, shared their gratitude and appreciation for each member's untiring leadership and unconditional support to the district. Board members were presented with personalized, framed academic letters. The student representatives were presented with Cardinal Shop gift certificates.

Superintendent Perkins expressed his appreciation for each board member's competence, creativity, sensitivity, and noticeable dedication to the district and for the confidence they show in him and the rest of the administrative staff.

A resolution was presented to proclaim that the Davison Community Schools joins the Board of Education of the State of Michigan, declaring January 2010 as Local School Board Member Recognition Month in Michigan.

- **Prescription Drug Video:** A DTV produced 12 minute video reenactment of a case in which a student distributed a prescription medication in school and was expelled and referred to the criminal justice system was presented. Guests Judge John Conover and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jay Snodgrass were introduced for their assistance and participation in the district's Prescription Drug Task Force. DTV Staff Members Sandy Coots, Randy Scott, Nick Baker were acknowledged for their production of the video. The video will be shown to all high school and middle school students in the near future to help them understand the severe consequences of such actions.

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.

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR HVAC, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND OTHER SERVICES: A resolution and cooperative agreement written by attorneys at Thrun Law Firm were presented for approval authorizing the Superintendent to collectively bid certain maintenance services with other Superintendents in Genesee County. Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Dale Green, to approve the resolution to authorize the Superintendent to execute the cooperative agreement and accept bids as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

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REVISION TO DAVISON COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AND RECREATION (DCER) AGREEMENT: A copy of the original five year DCER agreement dated January, 2008 authorizing DCER to program and schedule Worvie softball fields at the Abernathy Regional Park was provided. An amended agreement, also written by Attorney David Karr, was presented for approval that allows DCER to also take over the sponsorship (previously sponsored by the IMA) of the adult softball league program. All parties of the original agreement, City of Davison, Davison Community Schools, and Davison Township will be asked to approve the amended agreement. Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve the amended DCER agreement and authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement on behalf of the District as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the amended agreement follows the official minutes.)

BUDGET REVISION APPROVAL: Finance and Operations Director Dan Romzek provided a budget revision resolution which incorporates known and anticipated changes in state funding and other relevant information and effectively reduces our general fund expense budget by approximately \$1 million for 2009/2010. The proposed revision has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee and is being recommended in response to expected reductions in school aid. Moved by Mark McGlashen, supported by Kim Lindsay, to approve the general fund budget revision as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

RACE TO THE TOP RESOLUTION: In anticipation of the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) grant for federal dollars under the Race to the Top (RT3) program each local school district in our state is required to submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which says the district will implement the state's plan as submitted in its grant application. A draft outline of the state plan, resolution, MOU, and copy of an email from MDE Superintendent Flanagan (describing the procedure we can use to terminate our MOU in the event that we no longer wish to participate after having reviewed the state plan) was provided in the board agenda.

After board agenda distribution, Thrun Law Firm provided an updated communication dated December 22, 2009 and a more thorough resolution. A packet including the updated communication from Thrun Law Firm, revised Race to the Top Resolution authorizing the Board President and Superintendent to sign the MOU on behalf of the district, and original MOU and email from MDE Superintendent Flanagan was distributed at the board meeting in substitution of the documents provided in the agenda. (A copy of the distributed packet which includes a combination of the additional, revised, and previously distributed documents follows the minutes.) MDE is expected to apply for approximately \$400 million under this grant program, half of which will be returned directly to local school districts which equates to \$237,000 for Davison.

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Moved by Kim Lindsay, supported by Karen Conover, to approve the resolution to authorize the Board President and Superintendent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the District as recommended. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no. (A copy of the resolution follows the official minutes.)

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:

- EyeCare Associates, a local business, donated a HP color laser jet printer to the technology department for use as needed throughout the district.
- Davison High School Parent Kelly Bishop provided a generous monetary donation to DTV to help facilitate repairs of the various broadcast equipment they use on a daily basis.
- Davison Optimist "Friend of Youth" organization donated \$750 for the purchase of bicycle helmets for Thomson Elementary's Bicycle Safety Program. Optimist members also participate in Thomson's Bicycle Safety Day to assist in properly fitting helmets to students.

The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

- In response to a question raised by Trustee Lindsay about the status of the management changes at Perani Arena, Superintendent Perkins informed the Board that the district has a rental contract for the 2010 high school commencement ceremony signed by the previous management company. The contract provisions will be reviewed to make sure the change in management will not have any effect on it and the findings will be provided to the Board. If for any reason the district is unable to hold the ceremony at Perani Arena, the contingency plan may be to use Cardinal Stadium since there is no other location large enough to support the unlimited attendance in Genesee County.

From our Student Representatives:

- Jessica Poster and David Kennedy reported on events of interest at Davison High School.

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

- Dale Green provided information regarding the following upcoming MASB events: Legislative Conference @ Lansing Center, Lansing – March 10, 2010; Governor’s Education Summit @ Kellogg Center, East Lansing – April 19, 2010; Fall Conference @ Grand Rapids – November 4, 2010. Dale expressed the importance of continued participation in MASB events, however, due to the district’s present financial state, suggested that the district only send one board member to each event and to temporarily discontinue board member’s CBA class attendance in order to minimize costs.

Future Meeting Dates:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2010
7:00 pm
Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room
1250 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423

Special Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2010
7:00 pm
Cardinal Center Board Room
1490 N. Oak Road
Davison, MI 48423
Topic: Discuss contents of Superintendent’s annual performance evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Karen Conover, supported by Kim Lindsay, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen D. Conover, Secretary
Davison Board of Education