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DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Monday, August 1, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Cardinal Station

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Conover
Eric Lieske
Stefanie Pickell
Diane Rhines
Granger Stefanko

ABSENT: Nicholas Goyette
Matthew Smith

ADMINISTRATION: Kevin Brown, Superintendent
Matt Lobban, Assistant Superintendent
Amy Chorley, Director of Student Services
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum
Leslie Young, Director of Business Services

STAFF: Kathleen Craig, Sara Howes, Kristin Kneff, Chris Lesko, Rachael Suchy

OTHER GUESTS: Bob Beckelic, Erika Glasco, Sandy Glish, Alicia Hensley, Shannon McKee, Lindsey Spiewak, Theresa Unger

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Davison Board of Education was called to order by President Karen Conover at 7:00 p.m. in the Cardinal Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Granger Stefanko.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Eric Lieske, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Eric Lieske, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-5 below:

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1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the regular session minutes for the previous regular meeting of July 18, 2022. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since July 18, 2022.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of bills through July 23:
AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund
Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund; \$1,538, 288.24
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of Treasurer's Report through July 28, 2022.
4. **Monthly Personnel Report:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through July 25, 2022.
5. **End of Year Financial Report:** Approval of the End of Year Financial Report through June 30, 2022, including budgets for the General Operating Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Student Activity Fund.

The motion was carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From the Public: Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. Shannon McKee offered suggestions and had questions regarding grants and scholarships.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK: Every year the District updates its Parent and Student Handbook. The updated handbook was previously provided for your review. Due to state pupil accounting practices, the Parent and Student Handbook requires Board approval each year. Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Diane Rhines, to approve the 2022-2023 Parent and Student Handbook. The motion carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COURSES: Approval of District Courses: The Michigan Department of Education requires the Board of Education of a local school district to authorize its courses annually. The courses offered for credit at Davison High School can be found in the Davison High School Course Catalog, which is posted on our website at:

<https://www.davisonschools.org/Page/3380>

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In addition to the courses listed in the Davison High School Course Catalog, Davison Alternative Education High School offers the following courses for high school credit:

- School to Work
- Senior Project
- Creative Writing
- Consumer Math
- SAT Prep

A list of all courses offered in grades Developmental Kindergarten (DK) through eighth grade was provided to Board members. All of the courses, DK-12th grade, have an ACC approved curriculum.

The Davison Community Schools has created our own Davison online courses utilizing ACC approved curriculum aligned to state standards and taught by Davison High School teachers. The Davison Community Schools also enrolls students in online courses and curriculum through the Genesee Intermediate School District's GenNET portal and the Virtual Learning Academy Consortium (VLAC) program operated by Oakland Schools. All of the courses offered through GenNET have been reviewed to ensure they are aligned to Michigan state standards.

The Genesee Intermediate School District has created an English Language Development (ELD 1) course intended for a select group of English Language Learners. This is a new course that is being piloted during the 2022-2023 school year sponsored by Carman-Ainsworth Schools and is intended for secondary newcomers who score low (1 or 2) on the language proficiency assessment. Students enrolled in ELD 1 will be eligible to earn up to one credit. The course will be reviewed at the end of the school year and recommendations will be made for subsequent years.

Director of Curriculum, Dr. Angela Hards, has reviewed all of this information with the Board Curriculum, Extra-Curricular Programs & Technology Committee and they are supportive of approving all of these courses.

Moved by Eric Lieske, seconded by Granger Stefanko, to approve the courses listed in the Davison High School Course Catalog, the additional courses identified as taught at Davison Alternative High School, the courses listed for DK-eighth grade, Davison online courses and online courses offered through the GenNET portal and the pilot ELD 1 course for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

APPROVAL TO REMOVE BOOKS FROM THE DAVISON HIGH SCHOOL AND DAVISON MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTERS: Board Policy 9130 states that challenged curriculum instructional materials and related resource materials can only be removed by action of the Board. The District Administration has identified several books in our High School and Middle School Media Centers that we

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believe are inappropriate for our students. Director of Curriculum, Dr. Angela Hards, has reviewed these books with the Board Curriculum, Extra Curricular Programs & Technology Committee and they too believe these books are inappropriate for our students. The titles of those books are listed below.

DMS Media Center Materials:

- Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (2012), Benjamin Alire Saenz
- Birthday (2019), Meredith Russo
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower (1999), Stephen Chbosky
- Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda (2015), Becky Albertalli
- We Are Okay (2017), Nina LaCour

DHS Media Center Materials:

- Healing Sexual Trauma Workbook (2021), Erika Shershun
- Mediocre (2020), Ijeoma Oluo
- Push (1996), Sapphire

Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Eric Lieske, to approve the removal of these books from the Davison High School and Davison Middle School Media Centers. Motion carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

Board Statement to Accompany the Removal of Materials: It is not the role of the school, and in fact it is contrary to our purpose, to promote sexuality and/or expose our students to profanity, vulgar, obscene and/or graphically explicit sexual content.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

From our Superintendent:

Board members received the official statement from Stifel which includes all information about the sale of the district's bonds. This document is distributed to investors which includes a list of the bonds sold, as well as the district's credit rating.

Superintendent Brown toured the district last week and again today and is pleased with the construction progress made on our bond work.

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

There were no comments made by the Board of Education.

Future Meeting Date:

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Davison High School Auditorium
1250 S. Oak Road, Davison

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ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Stefanie Pickell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Rhines

Diane Rhines, Secretary
Board of Education