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# DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Board of Education

Monday, December 5, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Davison High School Auditorium

### MINUTES

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Karen Conover  
Holly Halabicky  
Eric Lieske  
Stefanie Pickell  
Diane Rhines  
Matthew Smith  
Granger Stefanko

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

Kevin Brown, Superintendent  
Matt Lobban, Assistant Superintendent  
Phil Thom, Executive Director of Operations  
Amy Chorley, Director of Student Services  
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information  
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum  
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Administrator  
Keri Collins, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal  
Jennifer Burke, Hill Elementary Principal  
Andrea Ferguson, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal  
Verle Gilbert, Hahn Intermediate Principal  
Christine Kuzinski, Central Elementary Principal  
Josie Paquette, Middle School Principal  
Jerry Piger, High School/DAE Principal  
Melissa Williams, Thomson Elementary Principal

#### **STAFF:**

Josh Evans, Sara Howes, Amy Hyrman, William Mull, Erin O'Connor, Kevin Roberts, Rhonda Seidell, Shawna Shorkey, Julie Simonsen, Garth Starr, Rachel Wheaton, Michelle Wilson, Anna Wojciechowski

#### **OTHER GUESTS:**

Sara Baker, Jerry Bishop, Jenn Corlew, Jeremy Corlew, Jennifer Courtland, Joe Davis, Michelle Davis, Don Garrison, Julie Gerecke, Erika Glasco, Cathy Goriug, Sarah Harris, Alicia Hensley, Autumn Herriman, Dave Herriman, Kathy Herriman, Beth Hunt, Adam Jones, Rita Jones, Don Kalfayan, JoAnn Kalfayan, Mark Kalfayan, Raena Kalfayan, Patti Kiefer, Stephanie Kile, Janet King, Leonard Marden, Sherry Marden, John Monica, Ryan O'Connor, Jim Owen, Kim Owen, Sean Owen, Angela Ponzetti, Lindsay Rogers, Jessica Schalau, Shawn Schalau, Krystin Scrima, Tim Shorkey, Nicole Schwartz, Bev Siegel, Dave Simonsen, Amy Surface, Will Surface, Megan Tober, Rachel Tondreau, Steven Tondreau, Theresa Unger, Dana Usealman, Ben Vick, Sarah White

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## 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 Davison High School Auditorium.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Davison Middle School Principal Josie Paquette and Choir Director Michelle Wilson, along with some very talented music students. The Mezzo Voce ("meht-soh voh-chay" Italian for "middle voices") was created in 2016 as an avenue for gifted and talented musicians in 6th-8th grade to share their song in the local community and statewide. Singers grow in their ability to use vocal technique and music knowledge to move the hearts of their audience. The unity and community that Mezzo Voce singers experience in rehearsals and concerts make for a truly unforgettable singing experience

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the open and closed session minutes for the previous special board meeting of November 7, 2022. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings received since the November 7, 2022 Board meeting.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through November 30:  
  
AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund; \$2,855,819.06
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 through November 30, 2022.
5. **Approval of the Budget Revision:** Approval of the general fund budget revision which incorporates updated student enrollment data, known and anticipated changes in funding and other relevant information.

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Special Presentations**

**STATE HONORS CHOIR CONGRATULATIONS:** Laina Owen, Kendra Kalfayan, Taylor Laine, Leah Riley, Dustin White, Caleb Ashley, Asa Corlew and Connor Norman were chosen to be part of the Michigan State Honors Choir after auditioning through both District and Regional levels. This audition was open to all high school students in the state that are in a choral program with their school. These eight Davison students will perform in January at the Michigan Music Conference held in Grand Rapids and are among the best vocalists in the state of Michigan.

**KIDS FIRST AWARD RECOGNITION:** Thomson Elementary Speech Pathologist Erin O'Connor was honored as our December "Kids First Employee of the Month." This employee recognition initiative has been developed to recognize employees for going above and beyond the call of duty to meet the needs of the children they serve. The program is being sponsored by Mark Owen of MEEMIC Insurance in Davison.

**RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Tonight was the last Board meeting for Board Secretary Diane Rhines and Treasurer Eric Lieske. We would like to recognize Mrs. Rhines and Mr. Lieske for their years of service to the district. Superintendent Brown read letters from Mr. Bob Beckelic thanking Diane Rhines and Eric Lieske for their service and devotion to the school district.

**From the Public:** Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board.

No one from the public came forward to speak.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to be read.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**POLICIES UPDATES FOR THE SECOND READING:** In February 2014, the Board approved entering into an agreement with Neola of Michigan to provide a policy manual review of the current Board of Education policies. The Board Policy and Planning Committee has met to review, revise and create policies for the following sections. The first reading of these policies took place at the November 7, 2022 Board meeting.

- 0144.1 Compensation
- 6108 Authorization to Use Electronic Transfer of Funds and Automated Clearing House Arrangements
- 6460 Vendor Relations
- 6700 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- 8805 Flags and Displays
- 9150 School Visitors

Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko to approve the policy updates for the second reading. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

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**APPROVAL OF THE DAVISON HIGH SCHOOL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

**PROJECT:** Bids were received for the asbestos abatement project at the high school. A recommendation memorandum from Executive Director of Operations Phil Thom which included a bid tabulation and recommendation letter from Arch Environmental Group was provided to Board members. Motion by Eric Lieske, supported by Stefanie Pickell, to approve the bid from Certified Abatement Services in the amount of \$498,000. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**WINTER GUARD FIELDTRIPS:** The Davison Winter Guard is requesting the Board's permission to take three different field trips to participate in out-of-state competitions. Information regarding these field trips was provided to Board members. The competitions are scheduled for:

February 24-26 in Chicago, IL  
March 24-26 in Indianapolis, IN  
April 12-16 in Dayton, OH

Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Holly Halabicky, to approve the Winter Guard field trips as listed above. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- Once Upon a Child donated 25 winter coats to Davison Community Schools to be used at Central Elementary and GSRP to help keep kids warm and help parents who cannot afford one.
- Daniel Pope donated a 1965 Baldwin Piano to the Davison High School Choir department.
- Connie Hill, on behalf of First Baptist Church, donated \$205 in Barnes and Noble gift cards to purchase books for Hill Elementary classrooms and for the school counselor to use with students.
- Kurt and Shelley Meibeyer donated six winter coats for students in need at Hill Elementary.
- Amber Harrison donated 24 seat pockets for student chairs to Thomson Elementary to be used in Mrs. Maule's classroom.
- Rob Aldridge, Damon and Sharlene Howe, and Troy Spence made a monetary donation to Davison Community Schools to be used at Hill Elementary to help purchase wagons that classrooms will use for lunches.
- Hilton Screeners donated \$2,540 to be added to Davison Community School's St. Jude's "Gold Out" campaign to aid in research.
- Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 126 donated \$1,500 to Davison Community Schools to be used by the "Shop with a Hero" program.

Moved by Holly Halabicky, supported by Granger Stefanko, to gratefully accept the contributions and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**From our Superintendent:**

- Our annual Shop with a Hero event will take place this Thursday. Administrators identify students in need who are partnered with local hero's such as police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, etc. Students shop downtown Davison to purchase gifts for their family members. Gifts are then wrapped by volunteers and pizza is served to all. The event is planned by Director of Public Information Michelle Edwards.
- Superintendent Brown introduced new Interim Director of Business Services Bill Mull.

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

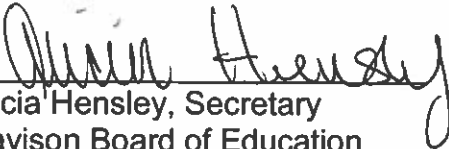
- Matthew Smith introduced new Genesee County Commissioner Michelle Davis.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Monday, January 9, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
Davison High School Auditorium  
1250 N. Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Matthew Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Alicia Hensley, Secretary  
Davison Board of Education