

# DAVISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Board of Education

Monday, October 3, 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 of Schools  
Matt Lobban, Assistant Superintendent  
Amy Chorley, Director of Student Services  
Michelle Edwards, Director of Public Information  
Angie Hards, Director of Curriculum  
Leslie Young, Director of Business Services  
Melanie Berry, Early Learning Director  
Keri Collins, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal  
Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Principal  
Verle Gilbert, Hahn Intermediate Principal  
Christine Kuzinski, Central Elementary Principal  
Natalie Miller, Gates Elementary Principal  
Josie Paquette, Middle School Principal  
Jerry Piger, DHS/Alternative Education Principal  
Melissa Williams, Thomson Elementary Principal

**STAFF:** Jenny Berhe, Dena Downey, Lindsay Bokey, Sara Howes, Darcey Kondel, Kevin Roberts, Mary Ann Stedry, Becky Turkovics, Christina Wade, Rachel Wheaton

**OTHER:** Lori Aumick, Bob Beckelic, Kristen Bennett, Trish DeWit, Norman Fischer, Tammy Fuhr, Heather Giguere, Erika Glasco, Doug Halabicky, Alicia Hensley, Jade Mills, Jacob Sopczynski, Theresa Under, Amber Wright

### **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 pm in the Davison High School Auditorium.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Principal Jerry Piger and students from the Davison High School Key Club.

Initials: DR

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the consent agenda which included items 1-4 below:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from the previous regular meeting of September 12, 2022. Approval of the minutes for committee meetings held since the September 12, 2022 board meeting.
2. **Approval of Bills for Payment:** Approval of payment of the bills through September 24:  
  
AP-Pooled Cash: General Fund, DCER Fund, DTV Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund; \$1,733,997.66
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report through September 24, 2021
4. **Monthly Personnel Reports:** Approval of personnel activity for the period through September 27, 2022.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **Special Presentations:**

**KIDS FIRST AWARD RECOGNITION:** Davison High School Teacher Lindsay Gokey was honored as our October "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.

**GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL GRANT AWARD:** Christina Wade, Paraprofessional in the high school media center, applied for a grant from the MARSP for the 2022-2023 school year and was awarded \$500 to fund the purchase of a gallery track style picture hanging system and ladder for the media center to display student art work from the visual art classes Trish DeWit, a representative from GCARSP presented this award to Christina Wade.

**2022 AUDIT REPORT:** Jacob Sopczynski of Yeo and Yeo presented an overview of their recent audit of our school district's financial records and practices.

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**STUDENT ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND GRADUATION RATES:** Director of Curriculum, Dr. Angela Hards and Assessment Coordinator Eric Chorley presented the results of the 2021/2022 M-STEP, PSAT and SAT testing along with a graduation rate update.

**From the Public:** Visitors were welcomed and invited to address the Board. No one from the public came forward.

**Correspondence:** President Karen Conover read a letter she sent on behalf of the Davison Board members to the Genesee Intermediate School District. She thanked the GISD Board of Education for their highly professional and transparent process in facilitating the appointment of Holly Halabicky to the Davison Board of Education.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT:** Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Matthew Smith, to accept the 2021-2022 independent audit report conducted by the firm of Yeo and Yeo as presented earlier in the evening. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP:** Middle School Teacher Janet Green requested the Board's authorization to plan a field trip May 25-28, 2023 to Washington D.C. for any interested eighth grade student. Details about the proposed trip were previously distributed. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to approve the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. trip. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF DHS BAND AND ORCHESTRA TRIP TO NASHVILLE:** High School Band and Orchestra Teacher James Schuster requested the Board's authorization to plan a field trip March 15-18, 2023 to Nashville, Tennessee. Details regarding the proposed trip were previously provided to Board members. Moved by Diane Rhines, supported by Stefanie Pickell, to approve the music department's trip to Nashville. There was discussion and questions were answered. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPALS:** October is National Principal's month. The Davison Community Schools is extremely fortunate to have such a great group of principals, assistant principals, and dean of students leading our schools. Board members were asked to recognize October as National Principal's Month in Davison. Moved by Matthew Smith, supported by Granger Stefanko, to acknowledge these staff members and recognize October as National Principal's Month in Davison. The motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:** Moved by Eric Lieske, supported by Granger Stefanko, to gratefully accept the following contribution and to direct the superintendent to express the Board's gratitude in writing:

- Bob Beckelic donated over 100 hardcover books to the Davison Community Schools Traveling Library bus.

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**From the Superintendent:**

Superintendent Brown welcomed Holly Halabicky to the Davison Board of Education.

Wednesday, October 5 is Count Day and Principal Piger and Assistant Principal Szatkowski will host the Alternative Education's third annual "Pancakes with Piger." Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, FASFA Night at the high school is also on Thursday and Hill Elementary Harvest Day is planned for Friday, October 7.

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

The Board of Education made no comments.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Monday, October 17, 2022  
Superintendent's Evaluation Meeting  
Davison Cardinal Center Boardroom  
7:00 pm  
1490 N. Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423

Monday, November 7, 2022  
Davison High School Auditorium  
7:00 pm  
1250 N. Oak Road  
Davison, MI 48423


**CLOSED SESSION:** Moved by Matthew Smith, seconded by Granger Stefanko to convene into closed session at 7:58 pm to conduct a hearing to consider a disciplinary matter involving a student which is allowed under Section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no. No action was taken during closed session.

**REGULAR SESSION:** Moved by Eric Lieske, supported by Granger Stefanko, to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session at 8:53 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

**STUDENT EXPULSION (Regarding student disciplinary matter heard):** Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Eric Lieske, that the student brought before the Board tonight be permanently expelled from the Davison Community Schools due to violation of the student code of conduct. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-yes, 1-no (Stefanie Pickell).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Granger Stefanko, supported by Eric Lieske, to adjourn The meeting at 8:56 pm. The motion was carried with a vote of 7-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Diane Rhines, Secretary  
Davison Board of Education