

Board Briefs



Board offers 5-year contract to Superintendent Lieske

Davison Board of Education members unanimously agree that Superintendent **Eric Lieske** has exceeded expectations in his fourth year on the job. Board members approved offering Lieske a five-year contract with no additional compensation next school year.

Lieske was evaluated by the seven-member board during a closed session meeting April 28.

Board members rated Lieske in the areas of curriculum and instruction, community relations, student growth, personnel relations, fiscal and facilities management, professional leadership, board relations and goal attainment.

"Eric keeps the board well informed on all aspects of the district," said Board President **Kathleen Sudia**. "He is a true leader and we are very fortunate to have him."

"As the face of Davison Community Schools, Eric represents the district with honor and integrity," said **Mark McGlashen**, Personnel Committee Chairperson. "He is not afraid to answer the tough questions when asked. I am impressed with the trust and support that this community has for him and the district."

Lieske began his career in Davison in 1997. During his 17 years with the District, he has held roles including teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent. He began serving as superintendent July 1, 2010.

District to partner with UM-Flint to offer summer college course

Davison Township, the Davison Community Schools and the University of Michigan-Flint have partnered to develop a three-credit college course to

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The mission of the Davison Community Schools is to develop individuals who demonstrate skills necessary for lifelong success in a changing, global society.



Board accepts donations

Thank you to the following:

- Davison resident **Dennis Salsgiver** donated \$6,145 to Thomson Elementary in memory of his wife, **Sandy**, who retired as a playground monitor. The money will be used to purchase playground equipment.
- **Genesys Integrated Group Practice After Hours Clinic** donated \$5 from each \$30 physical provided to Davison students. A total of \$130 was donated to the Athletic Department.
- Davison parent **Carmen Parks** donated \$150 to the Cardinal's Nest for childcare learning activities.
- Davison resident **Alice Sutton** donated \$30 to Thomson Elementary in memory of Sandy Salsgiver to purchase playground equipment.
- **Lanny and Bobie Crongeyer** on behalf of Judicial Management Systems, Inc. donated \$500 to purchase equipment for the DHS Boys' Track Team.

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Action Items

Board, Paraprofessionals ink two-year contract

Members of the Davison Paraprofessionals Association and the Board of Education have approved a two-year agreement. Paraprofessionals will no longer be paid for snow days but will receive a three percent pay increase (which averages approximately 25 cents per hour). The contract is for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 school years.

Board approves purchase of five buses

The District will be purchasing five new buses for the 2014/15 school year. The 77-passenger buses are being purchased through the Michigan School Business Officials Bus Purchasing Program at \$83,771 each. The buses are built by Thomas and are being purchased from Hoekstra Transportation.

Director of Operations **Phil Thom** said the district's current fleet of 42 buses contains nine that have logged more than 190,000 miles. While the district has 12 leased buses in the current fleet, no buses have been purchased since 2006.

Annually, each bus is driven an average of 13,000 miles.

Contributions gratefully accepted

- The **Davison Education Association** (DEA) donated \$500 to Thomson Elementary, Hill Elementary and Siple Elementary to provide books for new kindergarten students enrolling into the district.
- Davison resident **Doug Roberts** donated the following equipment to the Davison High School Athletic Department to be used in the weight room: two 45-pound weights, two 35-pound weights, two 25-pound weights, two 20-pound weights, four 5-pound weights, two 2.5-pound weights and a curl bar.

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qualifying high school students this summer.

The course is being developed by UM-Flint Department of Earth and Resource Science Professors Dr. Marty Kaufman and Dr. Randall Repic and will be taught at the Robert Williams Nature & Historical Learning Center in Davison Township. The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday for three consecutive weeks June 23 – July 10.

Township officials are working with Davison Community Schools and the University of Michigan-Flint to renovate the lower level of the home at the south end of the property in order to provide a quality learning environment for the upcoming summer course. Township and school officials are also looking at eventually converting the south house located on the property into a state-of-the-art science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) environmental science learning center and developing a STEM pathway for students at Davison High School and Davison Middle School with an interest and aptitude for environmental science.

There are limited spots still available for students who would like to sign up for this summer's course. Students must be a current sophomore or junior. For students attending Davison High School, the cost has been reduced to \$300 thanks to grants by the Davison Educational Foundation. For additional information, call Davison High School Principal **Matt Shanafelt** at 591-3531.

Presentations



All Academic Athletes recognized by Board of Education

This school year, 154 student athletes have been named as Saginaw Valley League All Academic Athletes. In order to qualify for the recognition, a student must be a sophomore, junior or senior; have participated in the sport more than one year and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher.

Athletic Director **Josh Wallberg** said more than one-third of the students attending Davison High School participate in a sport.

Students earning All Academic certificates include: **Haylee Alderson, Barbara A. Allen, Katherine Arnes, David Arterburn, Jonathan Beaty, Trifon Bisbikis, Andrew Bradsher, Rachel Brown, Sydney Brown, Taylor Brown, Alyssa Burke, Lauren Burkhardt, Jake Burris, Mackenzie Butler, Kristina Button, Paige Carpenter, Kaitlyn Church, Lauren Chwojnicky, Elise Close, Zachary Coblentz, Seth Cole, Jared Connolly, Taylor Dameron, Jacob Davis, Laurin Davis, Kylie Decker, John Dipillo, Alexandria Downing, Arianna Elkins, Jake Ellis, Madison Faculak, Gage Fellows, Hunter Fifield, Blayne Fortune, Benjamin Fox, Hayley Gabriel, Amanda George, Courtney Gifford, Alexandria Gill, Amanda Glenn, Lexis Glennie, Ricardo Gonzalez, Erica Goyette, Nicholas O. Goyette, Brooke Graham, Madison Groat, Caleb Gulledge, Mitchell Hards, Preston Hards, Abigail Hauch, Joseph Hayes, Shane Heddy, Bryce Hernandez, Ethan Hendrickson, Alayna Hilgendorf, Victoria Hopkins, Derek Humphrey, Lindsey Isaacs, Margaret Jackson, Christopher Jared, Joseph Johnston, Karsen Johnston, Roman Jones, Mariah Kage, David Kaniecki, Briana Kloeckner, Ashley Liggett, Bailey Linton, Jacob Madrigal, Malory Markwardt, Luke Martin, Madeline Martin, Nicole Martinbianco, Tyler Mayer, Hannah Maygar, Jordann McDermitt, Kenneth McGuire, Chelsie McLaughlin, Katlin McNally, Keagan McQueen, Kalee McQuillan, Andrew Miller, Haley Millis, Raven Mitchell, Kayla Monroe, Caleb Mullholland, Erin Mulkey, Jeffrey Newton, Matthew Nicolai, Haley Novak, Macy O'Brien, Michelle O'Dell, Joshua Opila, Emma Osterholzer, Victoria Ostrander, Conrad Parker, Emily Parker, Brandon Pasco, Victoria Pickett, Abigail Radcliffe, Hailey Ramoie, Landon Rappuhn, Jason Raske, Ashley Rayner, Hanna Reek, Joseph Renner, Vanessa Rennie, Alexandria Rivera, Jacob Robart, Ciara Robinson, Shelby Roesner, Seth Romzek, Grant Rooker, Dominic Russ, Grace Russell, Jacob Rye, Nickolas Schmidt, Tara Schneider, Austin Seybert, Mariah Seybold, Carley Sherwood, Garrett Sigourney, Justin Simpson, Christian Slater, Nicholas Sleeman, Zachary Sleeman, Kelsey Sluder, Andrew W. Smith, Aubri Smith, Logan Smith, Summer Stefanko, Payton Steinhaus, Gabrielle Stephens, Chloe Summers, Dominic Sutermeister, Rachel Swanson, Brianna Talaska, Olivia Thatcher, Peyton Thiel, Alexandria Thompson, Bryce Timmons, Sean Traynor, Leticia Trujillo Miranda, Jacob Turgeon, Drew Van de Putte, Katie Vobach, Frank Vukaj, Joseph Walker, Michael Walker, Casey Wangler, Matthew Wangler, Hunter Webb, Jordan Weld, Dillon Welliver, Dustin Wood, Austin Zudel.**

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Board recognizes Student Board Representative

Board President Kathleen Sudia and Superintendent Eric Lieske present Board of Education Student Representative Amanda George with a plaque for her year of service, Amanda, a junior, will serve on the board again next year. Senior Student Board Representative Matthew McAuliffe was unable to attend Monday's meeting.

Leading the Pledge

Thomson Elementary students who were Cardinal Code Ticket Winners, accompanied by Principal Natalie Miller, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.

