

Board Briefs



Auditor praises District for continuing to earn “clean audit”

For the 15th consecutive year, Davison Community Schools has received a “clean” financial audit, which means the final budget figures provided in June to the Board of Education by Director of Business Services **Leslie Young** and her staff did not change once the audit was completed.

Jacob Sopczynski and **Mike Frawley**, certified public accountants with Yeo & Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants, conducted the audit and shared their findings at the October 5 Board of Education meeting. Auditors annually assess the District’s financial risk and test internal controls.

The auditors found that the District’s financial statements were fairly presented and no accounting records needed adjustment. They focused on key controls including disbursements, payroll and receipts (PaySchools, Athletics, Food Services and DCER). The firm also audits the 2013 Capital Project Fund (Central Elementary bond) and the Sinking Fund annually.

The accountants also perform a single audit over federal programs and this year selected special education spending.

In addition to Young, the Business Office staff includes Purchasing/Payroll Support Secretary **Shawn Barrett**, Business Office Secretary **Robin Ricica**, Payroll Specialist **Sue Seymour** and Accountant **Joshua Evans** for their hard work in the district achieving the clean audit status. Frawley credited the district for maintaining its fiscal health even though it has meant making tough choices.

“We live in a very volatile world in public education right now,” said Superintendent **Eric Lieske**. “For us to be financially strong in these times is huge. We need to be able to keep our Board Resources goal intact but, more importantly, we need to make sure that the main thing continues to be the main thing and that kids are coming first.”



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Donations accepted

The following contributions have been accepted:

- **Laurel James**, on behalf of members of the **Davison Assembly of God**, donated 10 backpacks filled with school supplies to Siple Elementary for students in need.
- **Meijer of Davison** donated a variety of school supplies to the Davison Literacy Team to be passed out to students at the Back to School Blast.
- The **Davison Library** donated children’s books to the Davison Literacy Team to promote the “Reading 20 Minutes Before Bed Gets Your Child Ahead” campaign.
- **State Farm Companies Foundation** donated a \$500 Good Neighbor Grant to Siple Elementary on behalf of agent and Davison parent **Doug Halabicky** for his hours of volunteer service at the school.

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Action Items

Summer 2016 Band Camp and spring Philly trip approved

Board members approved two trips for instrumental music students at its October meeting.

The first request from Instrumental Music Director **James Schuster** was for students to attend the 2016 Summer Marching Band Camp July 31-August 5, 2016, at Echo Grove Camp in Leonard, Mich.

The second trip request was to plan a Davison High School Band and Orchestra spring trip to Hershey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 13-17, 2016. Students will participate in an instrumental music clinic with a nationally known clinician as part of the trip.

Board members will save paper and \$ by using electronic agendas

After a trial run this month, Board of Education members will officially begin to utilize electronic agendas beginning with their November meeting.

The move is expected to save around \$12,000 annually in printing costs.

"If you look at this month, the audit report alone was 54 pages," said Superintendent Eric Lieske.

Board members will be able to access the agenda and related materials—such as trip requests and audit reports—electronically from a Chrome-book placed at their seat.

Davison Middle School Assistant Principal **Josie Paquette** was on hand at the October board meeting to assist board members with accessing their electronic agendas.



Leading the Pledge

Members of Gates Elementary Girl Scout Troop 71424 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the October Board of Education meeting. The students were accompanied by scout Leader Amy Brewer and Principal Mrs. Theresa Wendt.