

Board Briefs



Board extends contract to Superintendent Lieske

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

Lieske was evaluated by the seven-member board during a closed session meeting April 27.

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 is a natural leader," said Board President **Kathleen Sudia**. "He is highly respected by our staff, students and community."

"Eric leads by example and sets the bar higher every year," said **Mark McGlashen**, Personnel Committee Chairperson. "The result has been tremendously successful for Davison Schools and our community."

Lieske began his career in Davison in 1997. During his 18 years with the District, he has held roles including teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent. He began serving as superintendent July 1, 2010.

Business students participate in virtual enterprising project

Students in **Amy Fanning's** Business Management classes created two firms, attended a trade show, marketed and sold their "products" online and made thousands of dollars in "profits" this school year. And it was all done virtually.

Fanning's students participated in Virtual Enter-

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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 gratefully accepts contribution

The following contribution has been offered to the district:

Davison resident **Connie Hill** donated a framed 1914 diploma from her grandmother, DHS graduate Gladys B. Prestage. The historical keepsake will be displayed in the Alumni Room at Central Elementary.

Board reviews and supports GISD budget

Board members voted to support the proposed budget for the Genesee Intermediate School District. State law requires local school boards to review and either support or disapprove of their annual intermediate school district's proposed budget.

In addition, the board also voted to select Board Secretary **Karen Conover** to serve as the district's voting representative for the GISD's June 1 board seat election. Board President Kathy Sudia will serve as alternate.

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Presentations



Board of Education members recognized the Instrumental Music program along with teachers Jim Schuster, Jim Bronson, John Marttila and Susan McMartin at last night's meeting. Orchestra students played a selection for the board (above) as did a Brass Quintet (left). "Davison continues to have an outstanding instrumental music department under the direction and leadership of very talented teachers that we are very blessed to have as part of our staff," said Holly Halabicky, Executive Director of Student Services. "In Davison, prior to ever beginning to play an instrument, our students are provided with a strong foundation in general music." Halabicky added that the instrumental music journey begins in fifth grade. "Mrs. Susan McMartin and Mr. John Marttila start the journey with 10-year-olds, most of whom have never touched an instrument prior to that first day of fifth grade." This year, there are 294 students participating in instrumental music at Hahn. At the middle school, students



are instructed by Marttila and Jim Bronson where they continue to master the basics and begin to experience instrumental music as an art form, Halabicky said. There are 120 band students and 55 orchestra students at DMS. Both groups earned all 1s at the District MSBOA Festival this year. At the high school, 190 musician students are directed by Jim Schuster. This year, all four instrumental groups received all 1s (superior ratings) at District and State MSBOA festivals—a first for Davison! This Saturday, all instrumental music students will be participating in Musicathon at Davison High

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Above, Varsity Hockey Coach Doug Towler was recognized Monday night for reaching his 500th career win during the 2014/15 season. "He's not just a hockey coach but a life coach," said Athletic Director Dave Beamer. The Board also recognized All-State athlete Michael Spears who has also broken nine swimming records at Davison. Bottom, Teacher Cadets and their supervising teachers were recognized by board members. The program includes internships for students interested in becoming teachers. Attending last night's meeting were, left to right: Central Elementary teacher Ashley Romine, Middle School teacher Ray Timmerman, Central teacher Melissa Barcaco, cadets Alexandria Gill, Lexi Dingman, Jessica Dymowski, Haley Millis, Jennifer Tourgee and Thomson Elementary teacher Lori O'Brien.





All Academic Athletes recognized by Board of Education

This school year, 150 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.

Students earning All Academic certificates include: **Haylee Alderson, Samantha Angus, Lindsey Anthony, Katherine Arnes, Mycaela Barden, Makenna Bauldry, Jonathan Beaty, Justin Bishop, John Brabaw, Andrew Bradsher, Rachel Brown, Lauren Burkhardt, Nikolos Buterakos, Hogan Butler, Mackenzie Butler, Kristina Button, Landan Chomic, Kaitlyn Church, Lauren Chwojnicky, Hunter Clark, Elise Close, Jacob Connolly, Kylie Decker, Nickolas Densmore, Abigail Detwiler, John Dipillo, Madysen Eady, Ryan Eckert, Jake Ellis, Emily Faltin, Hunter Fifield, Brendan Fleming, Blayne Fortune, Morgan Freeman, Kyle Fulton, Hayley Gabriel, Amanda George, Courtney Gifford, Alexandria Gill, Amanda Glenn, Nicholas O. Goyette, Morgan Graham, Haley Griffin, Caleb Gullledge, Samantha Hair, Mitchell Hards, Abigail Hauch, Joseph Hayes, Elizabeth Heavner, Shane Heddy, Ethan Hendrickson, Alayna Hilgendorf, Jacob Hill, Kali Holmes, Tyler Holmes, Margaret Jackson, Alyssa Jenkins, Kalee Johnson, Jacob Juhl, David Kaniecki, Madeline Karr, Briana Kloeckner, Hunter Lucas, Mallory Markwardt, Parker Marshall, Luke Martin, Madeline Martin, Megan E. Martin, Nicole Martinbianco, Tyler Mayer, Chelsie McLaughlin, Preston McNab, Katie McNew, Keagan McQueen, Kalee McQuillan, Haley Millis, Caleb Mullholland, Erin Mulkey, Noah Nagy, Tyler North, Haley Novak, Emma Osterholzer, Victoria Ostrander, Emily Parker, Hannah Pasco, Logan Peel, Victoria Pickett, David Pinter, Grant Polmanteer, Molly Preisel, Abigail Radcliffe, Madison Ramoie, Jason Raske, Hanna Reek, Jeffrey Reid, Nicholas Reid, Joseph Renner, Vanessa Rennie, Jacob Robart, Madalin Roberts, Ciara Robinson, Shelby Roesner, Grant Rooker, Jacob Rye, Anah Salgat, Nickolas Schmidt, Mariah Seybold, Isabella Sherwood, Garrett Sigourney, Justin Simpson, Nicholas Sleeman, Zachary Sleeman, Zachary Slezak, Katelyn Smiles, Logan Smith, Tyler Smith, Summer Stefanko, Payton Steinhuis, Gabrielle Stephens, Claire Stoddard, Miranda Strobl, Dominic Sutermeister, Rachel Swanson, Brianna Talaska, Brian Tallieu, Kayla Tear, Zachary Tersigni, Olivia Thatcher, Peyton Thiel, Alexandria Thompson, Corran Thornton, Curtis Tower, Sean Traynor, Jacob Turgeon, Evan Vandeputte, Chasen VanWormer, Sydney VanWormer, Jensen Vickerman, Frank Vukaj, Joseph Walker, Casey Wangler, Matthew Wangler, Hunter Webb, Jordan Weld, Dillon Welliver, Alexis Wilson, Ara Wilson, Dustin Wood, Tori Young.**



Leading the Pledge

Students from Hahn Intermediate selected as the school's "Hahn Heroes" led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at Monday's Board of Education meeting. Students who display a positive attitude and consistently follow the Cardinal Code are selected monthly for the Hahn Heroes recognition. The students were accompanied by teacher and facilitator Tara Hendrix and Principal Sue Kenkel.

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prise International, an instructional model for business, entrepreneurship, economics, financial literacy and technology. The program serves thousands of students from high schools and colleges across the country by creating an online virtual market allowing participating classrooms to communicate, partner and engage in commerce.

"It's basically running a virtual business in the classroom," Fanning said.

Students have the task of completing business training/orientation before brainstorming and researching different business ideas and target markets. Once they have an idea for a business, they must apply for a job, which includes writing a cover letter, creating a resume, completing a job application and getting two letters of recommendation. Then the student must complete an interview (conducted by business professionals in the community) to determine his/her position in the company.

Once all of the employees (students) are hired, each department works together to finalize a business plan, which must be finalized and uploaded to VEI by Oct. 31.

In addition to coming up with a product to sell, students must also fulfill the responsibilities of running a business, including paying and evaluating employees, creating a human resource manual, marketing the business and creating a website for e-commerce, creating product pictures, utilizing social media and completing a sale process.

This year, students created two companies: Luxury, Inc., an online jewelry distributor, and Rise Enterprise, a company that sold watches and bands that gave its consumers super powers. Fanning said that when consumers from other VEI participants purchased a product from Luxury or Rise, they were sent a picture.

"Our product is a picture of what we're selling," she explained.

In February, students had the opportunity to attend a VEI trade show in Chicago and compete against 64 other "firms" at the first-ever Great Lakes Trade Show in the areas of Best Booth, Best Video Commercial and Best Sales Presentation. Both of the Davison High School VEI firms placed within the top 10 of Best Sales Presentation; Rise Enterprise placed third and Luxury, Inc. placed eighth.

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DHS Teacher**