



School Administrators Week March 7-11

To honor those who serve as school district administrators at Davison Community Schools, the Board of Education has proclaimed March 7-11, 2016, as School Administrator Week.

Board approves settlement agreement

Board of Education members approved a settlement agreement with Diekema Hamann Architecture, Inc. in the amount of \$83,000. The agreement addresses issues and concerns that were not addressed by the architectural firm during the renovation of Central Elementary.

"With such a large renovation project it's not unreasonable to have some items that are missed during the engineering and design phase of a \$11.9 million project," said Superintendent **Eric Lieske**. "The district is pleased to reach an agreement that provides our school district and our community with such a wonderful 21st century learning center."

Board hears from recipients of DEF grants, Professional Scholar

Drawings and doodles are being transformed into tangible and touchable things in **Mike McCollum's** engineering and architectural design courses at Davison High School. The pens are new to his classroom this year thanks to a \$1,000 mini-grant from the **Davison Educational Foundation**.

"It's like plastic creations appear out of nowhere," said sophomore **Carlee Allard**. "...With this kind of new technology, it makes you think that maybe this pen could be used to make sutures in the medical world or create things to make life and society better."

Senior **Mariah Seybold** said it's exciting to use the pens, which have different modes so you can doodle or fill in spaces with an LED light.

"It has really helped me learn about engineering and redesigning things," she said, adding that she is looking at a career in engineering.

This school year, more than \$8,248 in classroom mini grants were awarded by the DEF. Davison Middle School Teacher **Tiffany Hopper** was one of eight teachers who applied—and was awarded—a \$3,500 grant to fund "Operation Outdoors." Hopper said the grant was used to create tubs filled with directions and supplies for cross curricular and team-building

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DHS sophomore Carlee Allard, center, with senior Mariah Seybold and Davison High School Teacher Mike McCollum, talks about the 3D printing pens that were purchased with a grant from the Davison Educational Foundation.



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Action Items

Annual organizational date set for July 13

Board members approved Wednesday, July 13, 2016, as the date for its annual organizational meeting. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Cardinal Center.

Board gratefully accepts contributions

The following contributions have been offered to the district:

- Davison resident **Adrienne Allen** donated \$25 to the Davison High School Athletic Department to help fund facility/equipment needs for the baseball program.
- Davison Community Schools employee/parent **Michelle** and **Billy Edwards** donated a 2004 CTS Cadillac to the Davison High School Automotive Technology Program. The donation provides students hands-on training and work experience with systems analysis and mechanical repairs.
- Davison Community Schools parent **Jennifer Johnson**, in memory of Arthur Johnson, generously donated a Cremona Bass to the Davison High School Music Department for student musicians to learn to play.
- Flint resident **Sam LeFavour** donated \$200 to the Davison High School Athletic Department to help fund facility/equipment needs for the baseball program.
- The Davison High School Athletic Department received an **anonymous donation** of 26 basketball uniforms valued at approximately \$3,000 to be worn by student athletes for all special event games.



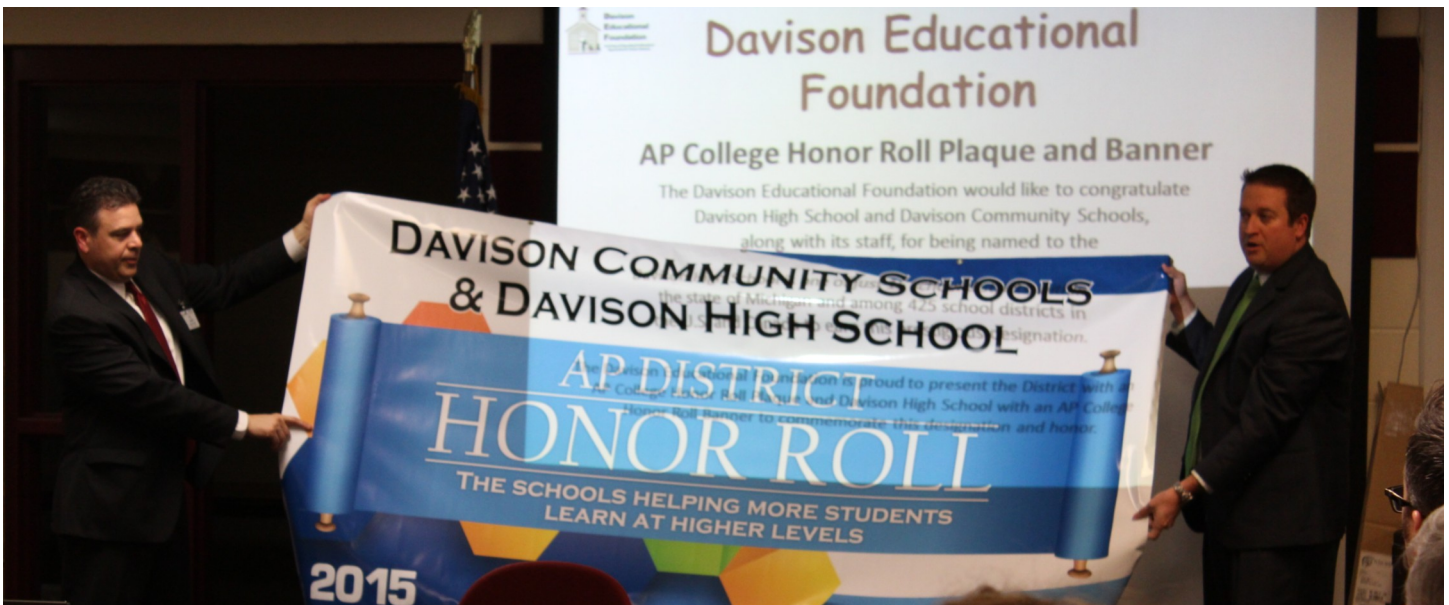
Leading the Pledge

Davison High School student Council members lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at Monday night's Board of Education meeting. The students were accompanied by Teacher and Student Council Sponsor Shannon Kelsey and Principal Sue Kenkel.

Presentations



Left, Siple Elementary Paraprofessional Laurel Munsey hugs Head Cook Dawn Hanje, who was recognized Monday night for her life-saving efforts. Hanje performed the Heimlich Maneuver on Laurel after she began choking on a piece of an apple on February 19.



After giving a presentation about the Davison Educational Foundation, President Todd Ferguson presented the district with a banner and plaque commemorating its selection to the 2015 AP District Honor Roll. Ferguson also shared that the DEF plans to hold a Legacy Luncheon to honor district retirees and begin sponsoring a Leadership award for students as well as continue to seek new ways to promote the DEF and its mission.



Davison High School Teacher Leslye Long and Athletic Director Dave Beamer were recognized and presented with a banner by Debbie Pavone of the American Cancer Society for their efforts in having Davison named as the top school in fundraising efforts. Long organized the district's Pink Out event and Beamer planned a Coaches vs Cancer game in the fall. In all, \$6,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society, Flint/Genesee County chapter.

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activities that teachers can grab and go and use at the Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center in Davison Township.

“We wanted to utilize the incredible opportunity we have at the Williams property,” Hopper said. “But we also realized that not everyone is as passionate about the outdoors or as comfortable with it as we were.”

Hopper showed that the tubs were filled with items like digital microscopes, binoculars and fishing nets. In all, there are more than 15 team building activities, 15 curricular activities and seven investigation-type lesson plans.

“Our goal is to keep this project for grades five and six but we are hoping to set the example so other buildings can get in there and see it's doable,” Hopper said, adding that staff will continue developing lessons and placing them in a binder to make it a living document.

Other mini-grants awarded this school year by the DEF include:

- “Thomson Sensory Program.” This \$1,000 grant allows for the development of a sensory program that includes several activities and equipment designed to help students calm down or prepare for academic for students who have difficulty regulating themselves in the classroom.
- “Cardinal's Nest Safe Place.” This \$500 grant provided a location in the classroom where students can go when they are struggling to regulate their emotions and behavior. The primary objective of this project is to teach students strategies at a young age to help them develop successful behaviors.



Spanish Teacher Rachel Loftus talks about her summer PD opportunity as the DEF Professional Scholar.

- “ixl.com.” This \$332 grant provides membership to this math and language arts website, which allows students in Mrs. **Kateri Blake's** Davison High School classroom to access technology as well as gain a whole new appreciation for how fun learning can be.
- “iPad Minis.” This \$1,916 grant provided two iPad minis for each kindergarten classroom at Hill Elementary to facilitate Readers Workshop and Math Workshop and provide differentiated instruction and interventions.

In addition, the board also heard from **Rachel Loftus**, the Davison Educational Foundation's 2015 Professional Scholar. Loftus teaches Spanish I at Davison High and Davison Middle schools. Loftus attended the Blaine Rey Total Physical Response Storytelling Workshop, which she said gave her new tools to engage students in applying new concepts, analyzing stories and creating their own works.

“There are other ways to experience the vocabulary rather than using a flash card,” she said.

Each year, the DEF selects a Professional Scholar to receive up to \$1,000 to experience a unique professional development opportunity.



Above, Superintendent Eric Lieske holds up one of the items made by students in Mike McCollum's class using a 3D printer. Right, Tiffany Hopper shows one of the items used as part of the Operations Outdoors project.

