

Board Briefs



Balanced Calendar Committee shares vision for 2016-17 year

Inspiring intersession themes, lengthy logistical planning sessions and fine tuning future plans were discussed at last night's Board of Education meeting where members of the Balanced Calendar Steering Committee shared details about implementation efforts for a 2016-17 Balanced Calendar school year.

The Steering Committee, consisting of tri-chairs **Michelle Edwards, Sue Kenkel and Christina McWilliams, along with Dave Beamer, Christy Flowers, Christine Kuzinski, Jennifer Torok and Susan Vamos**, was named last August, just weeks after the Board voted to move forward with implementing a district-wide Balanced Calendar school year. The decision came following nearly four years of careful study, which included numerous meetings and surveys with stakeholders.

The Balanced Calendar Steering Committee has been charged with studying and advising the implementation of the new district-wide calendar as well as planning intersession offerings in October, February and May. Since August, the Committee has sifted through approximately 3,500 surveys taken by parents, students and staff, met with department heads and key school officials to discuss logistics to ensure a successful transition and participated in a day-long planning retreat at the Robert Williams Nature & Historical Learning Center to plan engaging and exciting intersession opportunities for our students.

Brochures as well as other communication methods are currently being developed to publicize the opportunities that will be available to students who opt to attend intersessions. For a sneak peak at a draft proposal, you can view the Committee's slide presentation by clicking on this link: <http://www.davisonschools.org/files/filesystem/BalancedCalendarPresentation2116.pdf>

The District will continue to keep parents, students, staff and the community updated on the Balanced Calendar Committee's progress through the monthly Balanced Calendar Bulletin as well as email and information posted on the district's website and social media sites.

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Board gratefully accepts contributions

The following contributions have been offered to the district:

Pastor Barbara Benjamin on behalf of members of the Richfield United Methodist Church donated approximately 30 handmade scarves and snacks to Siple Elementary for students in need.

Davison High School Teacher **Jody Baldrige** donated an Apple TV streaming box to utilize in her classroom for student/classroom applications.

Friends and family donated \$1,310 in memory of retired Food Services Secretary **Norma Ellsworth** to the Central Elementary Media Center. The money was used to purchase 56 library bound children's books, which will provide enhanced literacy options for Central Elementary students.

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Action Items

Schools of Choice resolutions approved

Davison Community Schools will be accepting applications for non-resident students under Sections 105 and 105c Schools of Choice for the 2016/2017 school year. Please note that acceptance under either plan will be based on limited availability and elementary students will be placed in school buildings according to equalized space available in all classrooms.

The application period for each program is as follows:

□ 105c Schools of Choice, May 2 – May 18, 2016: The District will accept applications from pupils whose district of residency is *outside of Genesee County* in districts within the following bordering counties: Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Tuscola.

□ 105 Schools of Choice, May 2 – May 18, 2016: The District will accept applications from pupils whose district of residency is *in Genesee County*.

Applications can be completed Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office located in the district's administrative offices (Cardinal Center), 1490 N. Oak Road. Applications will not be distributed or accepted outside the application periods listed above for each program.

Applicants will need to bring a valid driver's license or some other proof of their non-resident status. Also, a copy of the student's behavior report for the past two years must be submitted with each application (for enrollment in grades 1 through 12).

IMPORTANT: *The student's Schools of Choice application will not be accepted without a copy of a behavior report for each of the 2014/15 and 2015/16 school years or a document from the school(s) attended in 2014/15 and 2015/16 indicating there is no behavior record for the student.*

Students who have been suspended, expelled or withdrawn in lieu of expulsion within the last two years may be denied enrollment in the district under the 105 and 105c Schools of Choice guidelines.

Parents of Schools of Choice students are responsible for transporting their children to and from school. For further information, please call the Superintendent's Office at (810) 591-0801.

Bids approved for final phase of VRF heating and cooling systems

When the Balanced Calendar school year begins on August 22, all K-12 students will have air conditioning no matter what school building they attend. Last night, board members approved phase two of the project, accepting the low bid of \$1,603,300 to install air conditioning at Gates Elementary and in the gymnasiums at Thomson and Siple Elementary as well as heating and air conditioning for the gymnasium, cafeteria and west wing at Davison Middle School.

The work will be completed by Tech Mechanical.



Leading the Pledge

Third graders from Mrs. Rebecca Romzek's class at Central Elementary led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The students also performed a special patriotic musical selection under the direction of Music Teacher Mrs. Lori Bolton. Principal Mr. Lance Harper also accompanied the group.



Action Items

DECA trip to state conference approved

More than 60 Davison High School students from the Marketing DECA Club have qualified to attend the state DECA Conference March 12-15 in Grand Rapids.

The following students will be attending:

Ashley Hardacre will be representing Davison as Michigan DECA's Vice President.

Davison's DECA President **Cole Davis** and Vice-Presidents **Nathan Mudge** and **Chase VanWormer** will represent DHS in the Chapter Activities Program event.

Ashley Adams and **Morgan Freeman** will be presenting the chapter's Public Relations Project "Youth Dental Hygiene" campaign.

Mycaela Barden and **Lauren Old** will be presenting a Community Service Project - Outreach East campaign including the Cool to Care Food Drive.

Morgan Graham and **Monet McCoy** will be presenting the chapter's Cardinal Card - Learn and Earn Project.

Jacob Coultas and **Jacob Wood** will be presenting the chapter's Creative Marketing Project on the Davison Farmer's Market Campaign.

Donald Harrington and **Jeremy Nealis** will be presenting the School Based Enterprise Project on The Cardinal Shop.

The following 47 students will also represent Davison at the State Conference in various occupational events: **Lindsey Anthony**, **Maddy Bass**, **Adrianna Bayne**, **Trifon Bisbikis**, **Justin Bishop**, **Nick Brandes**, **Lauren Brown**, **Landan Chomic**, **Harmony Curtiss**, **Sam Dymowski**, **Sage Denam**, **Noah Dieterle**, **Jade Duncan**, **Tyler Eastman**, **Erica Fredwall**, **Baylee Fridline**, **Jake Fuson**, **Keegan Garrow**, **Kyle Haines**, **Jacob Juhl**, **Tadziu Kosiara**, **Macy Lintz**, **Joseph Luna**, **Lorenzo Luna**, **Olivia Martin**, **Tyler Mayer**, **Jake Measel**, **Noah Millhouse**, **Brandon Murphy**, **Ryan Myers**, **Isaac Navarre**, **Luis Perez**, **Sam Pfiffner**, **Janet Phillips**, **Suzi Phunsang**, **Grace Olson**, **Kaitlyn Sather**, **Austin Simmons**, **Brian Tallieu**, **Logan Tersigni**, **Seven Tvardos**, **Jenny VanArsdal**, **Tirstan Walters**, **Dustin Wood**, **Jacob Wood**, **Hannah Woodall**, **Lauren Woodring** and **Brendan Woodward**.

DECA is sponsored by DHS Marketing Teacher **Matt Ames**.

BPA students qualify for state conference

Seven students have qualified to compete in the state Business Professionals of America state conference March 17-20 in Grand Rapids. Another seven have been named alternates, meaning if another school drops from the competition, these students would also be able to compete. This is the 10th Davison team to compete at the state event.

Students and the events they will be competing in include: **Michael Dotson**, Banking and Finance; **Carter Holmes**, Economic Research (Individual); **Trifon Bisbikis**, Economic Research (Team); **Corey Williams**, Economic Research (Team); **Josh Pfiffner**, Economic Research (Team); **Justin Simpson**, Economic Research (Team); **Maddison Luebke**, Entrepreneurship.

Alternates include: **Amelia Romzek**, Human Resource Management; **Preston Moore**, Fundamental Accounting; **Kevin Eynon**, Fundamental Accounting; **Mycaela Barden**, Global Marketing (Team); **Melanie Wogaman**, Global Marketing (Team); **Brian Tallieu II**, Global Marketing (Team) and **Lauren Old**, Human Resource Management.

BPA is advised by Davison High School Business Teacher **Amy Fanning**.