

Board Briefs



Board adopts 2016-17 budget

Davison Board of Education members approved the 2016-17 budget at its June 27 meeting following the district's annual Truth in Taxation Hearing and Certification of Tax Rates for 2016/2017.

The Board adopted the following budgets for the 2016/2017 school year: (1) the General Operating Fund; (2) the School Service Special Revenue Fund; (3) the Debt Retirement Fund; and (4) the Capital Projects Fund.

"With the continued economic pressures faced by the District in the form of continuing increases in costs to the services provided to our students and funding increases that have not kept up with those costs of education, we are pleased that the final amended budgets for 2015-16 and the proposed 2016-17 budgets both will keep our fund balance in a stable range," said Treasurer **Kim Lindsay**, adding that the Finance Committee has been meeting regularly throughout the school year to review progress on the 2015-16 budget as well as assumptions and predictions for the upcoming school year's budget. "The 2016-17 budget is built on a conservative base of assumptions as we await student count information that will be finalized in the fall. The business office staff, administrative team and employee groups have worked hard and cooperatively at managing costs while providing a terrific academic program at Davison Community Schools."

The district budget can always be viewed by visiting our home page at www.davisonschools.org and clicking on the State of Michigan icon in the upper right corner or visiting: <http://www.davisonschools.org/departments.cfm?subpage=1068733>

In addition to approving the budgets, Board members also voted to borrow \$3.75 million for the 2016/2017 year. Due to the timing of school aid payments from the State of Michigan, many school districts are required to issue a State Aid Note each year.



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Board approves bid for DHS cafeteria upgrades

Board members approved the low bid of \$103,004 from Stafford-Smith Inc. for new serving lane equipment in the Davison High School cafeteria.

The project will include the installation of several pieces of self-contained serving lane equipment and coolers as well as upgraded register equipment. This project is a substantial upgrade from the original equipment, which was purchased in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

DHS Varsity Choir trip gets nod of approval

Davison High School Varsity Choir students will have an opportunity to travel to Chicago next year to sing in one of the world's greatest concert halls. Board members approved a request from Vocal Music Director **Jennifer Orkisz** to accompany her students to participate in a music festival at the Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center in March.

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Presentations



Recognizing Robotics

House of Cards Team #3534 took a remarkable final ranking of 9th place at this year's 2016 FIRST Robotics World Championship Competition in St. Louis, MO. Davison High School Teacher and FIRST Robotics Advisor Louis Renner and members of the team were at the June 13 Board of Education meeting to demonstrate their award winning robot as well as receive special recognition for their



Noteworthy accomplishments

Three student musicians were honored at the June 13 Board of Education meeting: Davison Varsity Choir student Tristram Shayna for his accomplishments as a vocalist in the Michigan State Honors Choir and Instrumental Music students Katie Pulaski and Marleigh Matthews for their accomplishments as performers at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival. Katie was also invited to apply as an Outstanding Soloist at the MYAF – the first student from Davison High School to earn such an invitation. Left to right are DHS Instrumental Music Director Jim Schuster, Marleigh, Katie, Tristram and Holly Halabicky, Executive Director of Student Services.

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All-State Athletes

All-State Athletes Nicholas Sleeman, Zachary Sleeman and Ethan Moran-Onweller receive recognition at the June 13 Board of Education meeting. All three are Track and Field athletes who competed in the 3200m Relay. Student athletes earn this title by winning their respective tournament through the Division 1 MHSAA sponsored state-wide competition. The athletes are pictured with Athletic Director Dave Beamer.



Kudos from Genesee County

Board President Kathleen Sudia hugs Genesee County Commissioner Pegge Adams after Adams presented the Davison Board of Education with two proclamations at the June 13 meeting. One proclamation recognized DTV and the other honored the district for its many achievements this year, including Davison High School being named to the AP Honor Roll and its selection once again as one of



Praise and a plaque for Sam

Board President Kathleen Sudia presents Samantha Hunsinger with a junior apple, recognizing her service as a student Board of Education member. Samantha was recognized at the June 13 Board of Education meeting and will be returning to the board next year.

Action Items

Board gratefully accepts contributions

The following contributions have been offered to the district during the month of June:

- **Back to the Bricks, Inc.** donated \$500 to Davison High School DTV for the program's equipment and supply needs.
- Kip Stewart on behalf of **Stewart & Associates Valley Insurance Agency** provided the refreshments served at this year's Davison High School Honors Night VIP Reception.
- Chris Graff on behalf of **Hank Graff-Davison** donated \$2,000 to the Davison High School Athletic Department. The money will be used to help purchase a score board for the Girls' Softball Team.
- The **Davison Alumni Association** donated \$447 to Davison Community Schools. \$100 of the donation will go to the Davison High School Instrumental Music Program where the money will be used to purchase music for the 2016/2017 marching band season. The remaining funds will be used to help offset costs for students requiring assistance who want to attend Balanced Calendar intersessions.
- **GISD Genesee County Educational Trust** donated a \$100 Blueberry Brilliance Award to Hahn Intermediate to be used at its discretion. The award is considered a donation to honor the students' participation and random acts of kindness as part of the Blueberry Ambassador Program.
- Stephen Tondou on behalf of **Launch Support Systems** donated \$300 to the Davison Varsity Dance Team to help cover the cost of the team's new camp uniform.
- The **Davison Home Bakery** donated \$150 to the Davison Varsity Dance Team to help provide the team's new camp uniform.
- Jim Jarman of **Berkshire Hathaway Home Services** donated \$350 to the Davison High School Athletic Department. The money will be used to help purchase a score board for the Girls' Softball Team.
- **Dr. Bonita Wang** OB/GYN donated \$350 to the Davison High School Athletic Department. The money will be used to help purchase a score board for the Girls' Softball Team.
- Micha Fulgham of **Neighborhood Bagel LLC (DBA Big Apple Bagels)** donated \$250 to the Davison High School Athletic Department. The money will be used to help purchase a score board for the Girls' Softball Team.
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- Dave Wilcox of **State Farm Insurance** donated \$100 to the Davison High School Athletic Department. The money will be used to help purchase a score board for the Girls' Softball Team.
- Davison residents, **Mr. and Mrs. Whitman**, donated approximately 200 children's books for students and classrooms at Thomson Elementary.
- **The Collins Family Fund** donated \$100 to the District's instrumental music program in appreciation for Musicathon 2016.



Leading the Pledge

Students from Davison Alternative Education led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the June 13 Board of Education meeting. Students were accompanied by DAE Dean of Students Chris Wilson.