

Board Briefs



Thank a school board member It's Board Appreciation Month!

Board of Education members were honored for their commitment and dedication as part of Board of Education Appreciation Month.

A special presentation by students from Hahn Intermediate was held to recognize board members **Karen Conover, Kathy Sudia, Mark McGlashen, Kim Lindsay, Andrew Hall, Diane Rhines** and **John Hair** and student representatives **Samantha Hunsinger** and **Danae Howard**. (See pictures inside today's Board Briefs.) Afterward, students presented all with a coffee mug filled with candy and gift certificates to local eateries. Board members also received Cardinal logo fleece zip-up jackets, paid for with contributions from district administrators.

Kristin Slattery, vice president of the Davison Education Association, also recognized board members for their commitment to the students and staff, and announced that the teacher's union was making a contribution to the Cardinal Feeder high school food pantry in honor of the board.

Board re-elects officers

The first official act of business for the new year was the election of officers. Board members voted to re-elect **Kathleen Sudia** as President; **Karen Conover**, Secretary; and **Kim Lindsay**, Treasurer. **Mark McGlashen** was selected as Vice President and **Andrew Hall, John Hair** and **Diane Rhines** will serve as Trustees.

The Honorable Judge **Mark Latchana** made remarks before the oath of office was administered by the Honorable Judge **Jennifer Manley**.

"Everyone I've encountered in this district puts kids first," said Latchana, a father of three. "I couldn't be more proud to say that this is where my kids go to school."



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Donations accepted

The following contributions have gratefully been accepted:

The **Mark Owen MEEMIC Insurance Agency** donated seven \$100 Visa gift cards for the "Kids First" Staff Member Recognition Program. This program provides recognition to staff members who exemplify a "Kids First" attitude.

The **Two Sum** class of the **First Baptist Church** in Davison donated \$100 to the Cardinal Care Fund.

Susan Lucas, owner of **Waterford Hills Florist** and a Davison parent, donated 16 centerpieces for the Davison Alternative Education high school's annual Christmas dinner.

The **Flint Chapter of the Safari Club International** donated \$2,000 and two head/shoulder buck mounts to the Hahn Intermediate Fishing and Outdoor Club. The buck mounts will be placed at the Robert Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center for an animal sensory safari.

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Leading the Pledge and Recognizing Board members

This month's Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hahn Heroes and Student Council members from Hahn Intermediate. The students were accompanied by Teachers Mrs. Tara Hendrix, Mrs. Chantel Doyle, Mr. Dave Clifford and Principal Mr. Verle Gilbert. Student Council members also took part in a presentation for School Board Appreciation Month.



Presentations

DMS Teacher John Kerr named first “Kids First” award recipient

John Kerr, a teacher at Davison Middle School, is the first recipient of the district’s new monthly recognition for DCS staff—the “Kids First” Award.

Each month, administrators nominate a DCS employee who best exemplifies what it means to be “Kids First.” Winners will receive a \$100 Visa gift card thanks to Mark Owen, owner of MEEMIC insurance agencies in Davison and Flint Township, and a certificate. The winner is chosen at random.

Mr. Kerr was nominated by Davison Middle School Principal **Shelly Fenner-Krasny**, who wrote:

“John Kerr puts Kids First every day and he has done this ever since I had the privilege to first teach with him in 1987. John eats lunch in his room every day so that some kids have a safe place to eat if they can’t handle the regular lunchroom. He also goes the distance to make sure they get to school.”

Mrs. Fenner-Krasny also said recently Mr. Kerr offered to pick up one of his students who had been suspended from riding the bus for a week because he knew the student would not otherwise have a ride into school and, therefore, would miss several days of school.

“John has put his students ahead of himself consistently during his tenure with Davison schools,” Mrs. Fenner-Krasny continued. “He always does whatever it takes to help a kid be successful.”

Other great DCS staff members who were nominated include: **Jamie Beller**, Paraprofessional at Thomson Elementary; **Tracy Bennett**, Transportation Department Secretary; **Kristen Clarambeau**, Challenge Coordinator at Siple Elementary; Teachers **Shannon Kelsey** and **Leslye Long** and Counselor **Rebecca Van-nest** from Davison High School; **Erin O’Connor**, Speech Pathologist at Central Elementary; **Suzie Richards** from Hill Elementary; and **Ray Timmerman**, Teacher at Davison Middle School.



Left to right, Superintendent Eric Lieske, MEEMIC Insurance Agency owner Mark Owen, Davison Middle School Teacher John Kerr, Davison Middle School Principal Shelly Fenner-Krasny and Board of Education President Kathy Sudia.



Taking the oath ...

The Honorable Judge Jennifer Manley, accompanied by the Honorable Judge Mark Latchana, administers the oath of office to Davison Board of Education members.

Action Items

BMA overnight trip gets nod of approval

An overnight trip to allow Business Management students to attend the Virtual Enterprise International (VEI) Great Lakes Trade Show February 1-3 was approved by board members on January 9. The show is being held in Rosemont, Ill., near Chicago.

Sponsor for the trip is Davison High School Career Technical Education Teacher Mrs. **Erin Woodruff**, who also serves as the school's advisor to the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Club.

Hall appointed Davison's representative to GISD budget hearing

Trustee **Andrew Hall** has been selected to represent the Davison Board of Education at the Genesee Intermediate School District's annual general fund budget hearing. Trustee **John Hair** was chosen as the alternate. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. March 22.

Conover selected liaison to county board association

Secretary **Karen Conover** will serve as the Davison Board of Education's liaison to the Genesee County Association of School Board Members' (GCASBM) Executive Committee. Board President **Kathy Sudia** was appointed as alternate.

The committee typically meets the third Thursday of each month at the Genesee Intermediate School District.

Board approves meeting schedule

Board members approved the meeting schedule for the calendar year. Regular board of education meetings normally are held on the first Monday of each month with exceptions made for holidays, school vacation schedules and other events. Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

For a complete list of meetings scheduled for 2017, please click on this link: <http://www.davisonschools.org/files/filesystem/BOECalendar2017.pdf>