

Board Briefs



Board approves parking lot repairs and bus purchases

The west parking lot of Davison High School, where students park during the day and community members park for performing arts and athletic events in the evening, will be repaired this summer.

District officials got a break when bids came in lower than expected.

"We were really worried about where the bids would come in on this project," said Superintendent **Eric Lieske**.

District officials ended up locking in on a price for a set amount of asphalt, enough to hopefully make repairs throughout the district in addition to the high school west parking lot.

Board members approved the low bid of \$116,723.50 from Ace-Saginaw Paving Company. Work on the project will include milling of all areas before a 2-inch cap of asphalt is applied.

"It's the next best thing to removing everything and possibly getting into soil issues," Lieske said.

Board members also approved the purchase of 11 used school buses at Monday night's meeting.

Five 2015 Thomas buses will be purchased for \$58,450 each and six 2013 Thomas buses will be purchased for \$34,500 each, or \$499,250 total.



All of the buses are 77-passenger Saf-T-Liner C2 buses.

The 2015 models are lease turn-in buses with less than 50,000 miles on each while the 2013 models are guaranteed to

have less than 75,000 miles on each of them.

"These units are an excellent fit and will provide a substantial upgrade to our existing fleet," said Director of Operations **Phil Thom**.

The buses are expected to be delivered in July.



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It's Administrator Week

This week has been named Administrator Appreciation Week by Davison Community Schools. Be sure to let your administrators know how much they are appreciated!

Donations accepted

The following contribution has gratefully been accepted:

- **Alison Daoust** from Centric Solutions Group donated a Hewlett Packard Design Jet 800 PS printer and two rolls of paper to be used by students at Davison Middle School. This printer will allow for large scale printing.
- **Kipp Stewart** from Stewart & Associates Insurance donated \$600 to help reimburse players and coaches for T-shirt expenses in the DCER youth basketball league.
- **Boy Scout Troop 168** donated \$247.23 to be used by students in Mr. Konzman's class for its Community Garden project.

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Presentations

Special Ed Coord. Mary Hainline named “Kids First” March recipient

Mary Hainline, Special Education coordinator, is the March recipient of the “Kids First” Award.

Each month, administrators nominate a DCS employee who best exemplifies what it means to be “Kids First.” Winners 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.

Mrs. Hainline was nominated by Executive Director of Student Services **Holly Halabicky**, who wrote:

“Although she doesn’t work directly with students, she works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that students are set up for success. Mary chairs the majority of the IEPT meetings. Throughout the entire special education process, Mary works directly with staff to make sure that students with special needs have goals that are not only compliant with state requirements but even more importantly goals that lead to school success. She is always ready to assist whether it is with staff, facilitating staff meetings or the dreaded paper work that goes with our profession in this day and age. Because of Mary’s efforts, our highest risk students are better supported and the likelihood of success dramatically increased.”

Other great DCS staff members who were nominated include: **Jennifer Webster**, Speech Pathologist at Thomson Elementary; **Gretchen Scofield**, Paraprofessional at Gates Elementary; **Walter Smith**, Challenge Coordinator at Gates Elementary; **Mandy Barrett**, Literacy Specialist at Siple Elementary; Teacher **T.J. Fischhaber** and Counselor **Jennifer Thomas** from Davison High School; **Annette Stephens**, Bus Driver; **Julie Buzzell**, Teacher at Hill Elementary; **Marilyn Strader**, Cardinal’s Nest Director; **Cory Sturgess**, Counselor at Hahn Intermediate; and **Monica Martin**, Teacher at Central Elementary.



Left to right, Superintendent Eric Lieske, Mary Hainline, Executive Director of Student Services Holly Halabicky and Board of Education President Kathy Sudia.



Leading the Pledge

This month’s Pledge of Allegiance was led by Davison Middle School students in the DTV Intro to Broadcasting class. The class is new this year and prepares students for the high school DTV course. The students were accompanied by Principal Mrs. Shelly Fenner-Krasny and Teacher Mrs. Jan Crawford.

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Honoring our Counselors

District counselors were recognized as part of National School Counseling Week. While the special week was actually observed in February, many counselors were unable to attend last month's meeting because they were working at a Scheduling 101 event. Pictured above are, left to right, Betsy Wambaugh (High School), Superintendent Eric Lieske, Rebecca Vannest (High School), Dr. Jason Vannest (High School), Jennifer Thomas (High School), Executive Director of Student Services Holly Halabicky, Christine Glann (Gates/Thomson), Board President Kathy Sudia, Maida Demo (Central/Thomson and Rachel Crawford (Siple/Hill). Missing from the photo are Counselors Jennifer Hall (Middle School), Cory Sturgess (Hahn) and Kathy Bennett (Middle School/Alternative Education).



Honor Roll status for DHS

Board of Education members presented Davison High School Principal Sue Kenkel with a banner and plaque to commemorate the school's recent designation to the 7th annual College Board Honor Roll. Ms. Kenkel credited the AP teachers for the honor.