

Board Briefs



Board hires local company as district's construction manager

Board members approved hiring Davison-based DCC Construction to serve as construction manager as the district begins the process of seeking a bond to upgrade facilities.

Of the three firms interviewed by the Board's Building and Grounds Committee April 23, DCC's proposed bid was considerably lower than those submitted by Wolgast Corporation and Barton Malow Company.

Trustee **Granger Stefanko** abstained from voting as he is employed by the family-owned DCC.

Trustee **Matthew Smith** was the lone dissenter, voting against hiring DCC because he viewed it as a "conflict of interest."

While Smith said he did not take issue with the hiring of DCC, he did express concern with Stefanko serving on the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Stefanko did not attend the April 23 meeting when interviews were conducted for the construction manager. Instead, Board Secretary **Karen Conover**, who serves as the committee's alternate member, sat in on the presentations and interviews.

"He (Stefanko) shouldn't be on that committee because I view that as a conflict of interest," Smith said.

Superintendent **Kevin Brown** disagreed, saying he thought Stefanko was very capable of serving on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

"Granger has a lot to offer because of his background in construction," Brown said. "Removing him from this committee, I think, would be a huge mistake."

Phil Thom, Executive Director of Operations, said the role of the construction manager is to work hand-in-hand with the school district to help oversee any of the projects the district decides to work on.

Now that a construction manager has been hired, school officials will begin working with the company and the district's architects to begin developing designs and projects. As those plans begin to form, more information will be shared with district stakeholders.



Donations gratefully accepted by Board

The following contributions were accepted at last night's meeting:

- **Kyle and Michelle Henney** donated two \$40 gift cards from VG's Food Center to be given to two Hill Elementary families who are in need.
- **Beth Hudson and Mindy Lapeer** donated new and used books to the Traveling Bus Library to help promote reading.
- **Davison Odd Fellows** donated the free use of their hall for the Community Conversations event held on April 26, 2019.

Summer Marching Band Camp set

Board members approved a request from Instrumental Music Director **Jim Schuster** to set the high school summer marching band camp for July 28-August 2.

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Hill Elem. Teacher Jodi Halverson named “Kids First” May recipient

Hill Elementary Teacher **Jodi Halverson** is the May 2019 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.

Jodi was nominated by Hill Elementary Principal **Jennifer Torok**, who wrote:

“I am honored to nominate Jodi Halverson for a “Kids First” Award. Jodi has spent her career teaching third grade at Hill Elementary and has also served on ACC for over 15 years. She is the kind of educator who does whatever it takes, always professional, always giving her all, never seeking recognition of any sort.

“Jodi is patient and kind, she provides a nurturing classroom that fosters a love of learning to her students. From the moment that you walk into her classroom you can feel the passion that she has for her students.

“Jodi is empathetic to the needs of our students well beyond the school day, she has been known to purchase groceries for families in need. She also serves as a silent mentor to a 4th grade student who had a strong connection with her last school year, placing positive notes in the student’s desk, keeping in touch with her and just giving the child an extra boost.

“Jodi is knowledgeable, conscientious, and extremely creative. She is respected by her colleagues and is an asset to our building and the district. You will see her at all of our family nights, lending a helping hand! She is truly deserving of this recognition. Thank you, Jodi, for truly carrying out and living our mission by always putting “Kids First!”

Other great DCS staff members who were nominated this month include: **Jeff Applegate**, Hahn Intermediate Paraprofessional, **Brett Coron**, Davison High School Teacher, **Anna Eastridge**, Thomson Elementary Paraprofessional, **Karen Gresell**, Hahn Intermediate Teacher, **Ben Montgomery**, Central Elementary Teacher, **David Quintanilla**, Hahn Intermediate Paraprofessional, **Mary Taylor**, Davison Middle School Paraprofessional, **Angela Thorne**, Siple Elementary Paraprofessional, and **Harold Train-Lawrence**, Technology Support Specialist.



Left to right, Hill Elementary Principal Jennifer Torok, Hill Elementary Teacher Jodi Halverson, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Board of Education President Kathy Sudia.



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Marketing students help classmates make sense out of cents

Davison High School seniors **Ellie Timmons** and **Lorenzo Luna** were surprised—and a bit bothered—when they realized that many of their classmates didn't have a clue when it came to managing their own finances. In fact, many of them did not even know the difference between a debit and a credit card.

The duo decided to use their skills as members of the school's DECA marketing chapter to

help even the financial odds for their classmates and came up with "MoneyRite: Because Debt Should NOT Be a Rite of Passage." Ellie and Lorenzo were selected to present their program at the DECA International competition in Orlando, Fla.

"There are many rites of passage that young men and women deal with throughout high school and college," Lorenzo said. "Overcoming paralyzing debt upon college graduation should not be one of them."

Ellie and Lorenzo knew they had their work cut out for them and came up with five objectives:

- Teach students how to manage their money (online banking).
- Inform students on the differences between credit and debit.
- Learn concepts for basic saving and spending.
- Teach students how to responsibly use financial services.
- Teach technology-dependent teen-agers about the dangers of identity theft.

What followed was an intense campaign where the students consulted with leaders at ELGA Credit Union and came up with a three-week program that included developing video lessons, creating a social media marketing plan and inviting local financial institutions to come in and assist students wanting to open a savings account.

Approximately 1,600 high school students watched the entire online course, which will be available to present to future high school students.

Ellie's and Lorenzo's efforts paid off. Before the MoneyRite campaign, 69 percent of students did not know the difference between a debit card and a credit card. After the financial literacy initiative, 96 percent of students could identify the difference between the two cards.



Davison High School students Ellie Timmons and Lorenzo Luna discuss the success of their MoneyRite campaign at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.

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All Academic Athletes recognized by Board of Education

This school year, 168 students have been named as Saginaw Valley League All Academic Athletes. In order to qualify for the recognition, a student must be a sophomore, junior or senior; have participated in a sport more than one year and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher

Students earning All Academic certificates include: **Cassie Allard, Preston Allis, Paige Anderson, Abigail Arnes, Brendan Ashley, Cameron Baker, Craig Banes, Jack Banes, Raeanna Bates, Montana Bishop, Maren Blanchard, Jennifer Bloch, Bailey Bogard, Makenzie Brownrigg, McKenna Bruce, Monica Bryan, Makenna Carpenter, Brian Case, Noah Chamberlain, Blake Church, Madison Clark, Nolan Close, Gabrielle Collick, Adam Craton, Ellary Darling, Brennan Densmore, Andrea Detwiler, Brielle Doyle, Mitchell Dyer, Madeline Elmquist, Chloe Evoy, Alexander Facundo, Kayla Forry, Faith Fortune, Nona Garman, Kathleen Gibson-Hutto, Mackenzie Gilbert, Anna Gill, Megan Gilliam, Travis Gist, Cameron Gouin, Alexander Goulet, Brian Hall, Joshua Hart, Ashlyn Harvey, Alyssa Hennessey, Ashlynn Hopkins, Whitman Hopper, Ethan Howes, Eric Hunsinger, Cameron Hunt, Michael Jamerson, James Johnston, Nora July, Evan Karr, Hunter Kerry, Kyleigh Kilgore, Landon Kish, Parker Kodat, Kiera Kuzinski, Tessa Labeau, Owen Lafontaine, Elijah Lashley, Gavin Laux, Emma Lavelle, Kevin Lawrence, Makayla Lewis, Mara Lieske, Cassidy Lindsay, Taylor Lintz, Halle Llopis, Nikolas Lockhart, Bryce Lott, Benjamin Mabry, Isabel Mabry, Caleb Manville, Kelly Markwardt, Carson McLaughlin, Dylan McMullen, Andrew Meikle, Sophia Mervenne, Ty Metzger, Zack Metzger, Emily Meyer, Kaili Miller, Michael Miller, Raea Miller, Jason Millis, Ann Minto, Gabrielle Monreal, Emily Moriarty, Mariano Moritz, Mallory Morton, Xavier Murphy, Nicholas Nagel, Carter Newcomb, Allison Nordquist, Logan Nuckolls, Sydney Nuckolls, Cameron O'Connor, Samantha Odalovich, Jacob Old, Elizabeth Olson, Kirthana Oppenheim, Chelsea Oryszczak, Ellie Osterholzer, Samuel Palmeter, Austin Pariseau, Megan Parsons, Jerud Payne, Jr., Jessalyn Peavyhouse, Selia Pethers, Grace Petrach, Payton Pizzala, Natalie Polehna, Zoe Rhines, Callie Richardson-Fuller, Becca Roach, Abbey-Lyn Ross, Mallori Russell, Bailey Saffron, Jeffrey Schmidt, Taylor Schumacher, Shaun Scofield, Lindsay Shaffer, Marguerite Sherwood, Trent Simmonds, Savannah Siple, Jack Slezak, Max Slezak, Camden Smith, Gregory Smith, Regan Snyder, Makenna Souders, Reese Souders, Joshua Squires, Madison Strader, Mitchel Strader, Matthew Strobl, Brendan Sullivan, Mia Telke, Grace Thomas, Gage Thrall, Jordyn Thrall, Grace Tiggart, Ellie Timmons, Arianna Tomczak, Spencer Torok, Gage Tuttle, Harrison Unger, Hailey Vansteenburgh, Savannah Varela, Cody Vogt, Casey Wagner, Hannah Walker, Robert Walker, Kaden Walworth, Ryan Webster, Dominic Wendel, Dylan Wendel, Grace White, Bailey Williams, Elise Willingham, Sadie Willingham, Ty Wilson, Adriana Wittke, Troy Wittke, Jr. and Isabella Yelle.**

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Varsity Girls' Basketball Team #1 in state for academics

Members of the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team have been lauded for their good sportsmanship and now have a new achievement to celebrate. The team is ranked #1 in the state for its collective grade point average of 3.971. "It just goes to show that these girls are true student athletes and care just as much about what they do in the classroom as what they do on the basketball court," Athletic Director Dave Beamer said. Pictured above are Coach Craig Hitchcock, Bailey Williams, Faith Fortune, Chelsea Oryszczak, Ellary Darling and Olivia Dirkse. Missing are: Cassie Allard, Anna Gill, Jasmine Hadley, Cassidy Lindsay, Ann Minto, Ellie Timmons and Arianna Tomczak. "We were ranked #11 last year and #10 the year before," said Coach Hitchcock. "We've got the number one spot now and we want to keep hold of it."

Student board representatives earn recognition for their service

Board of Education members honored Student Board Representatives **Megan Duncan** and **Evan Karr** with plaques at its May Board of Education meeting in recognition of their service on the board this school year.

A senior, Megan is serving her second year on the board. Evan is a junior and will be returning to his board seat next year.

Student board representatives are members of the Davison High School Student Council. They report at each board meeting about activities and events taking place at the high school. While the students are not voting members of the board, their



input allows board members to hear on topics from a student's perspective.

Student board representatives have held seats at the board table for more than 20 years.

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Leading the Pledge

The May Pledge of Allegiance was led by students and staff from the Davison GSRP and Cardinal's Nest preschool programs. DCS has about 420 students enrolled in preschool and latchkey programs and approximately 50 staff members who work in the early childhood program. Students were accompanied by Early Learning Administrator Susan Vamos, Cardinal's Nest Director Lori Peppin, Preschool Teachers Sara Harris, Rachel Meinburg and Robin Waite, Associate Teachers Kaitlyn Crannie and Adrienne Vickerman and Secretary Carrie Blazen.

