

Board Briefs



November



The following action items were approved by the Davison Board of Education at its October 4 meeting:

- **Approval of 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip:** Davison Middle School Teacher **Janet Green** received the Board's authorization to plan a field trip May 27- 30, 2022, to Washington D.C. for any interested 8th grade student. Seats are filled on a first come, first serve basis. The trip includes stops at George Washington's Mount Vernon, Illuminated Memorial Tour, Iwo Jima Memorial, Jefferson/FDR/MLK Jr. Memorials, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Tour - Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol Tour - Pending Availability, Arlington Cemetery, Flight 93 Memorial, Pentagon Memorial, Smithsonian of Choice, Walk by The U.S. Supreme Court, White House Photo Stop, two-hour Gettysburg Battlefield Tour and Gettysburg National Military Park.
- **Approval of Bids for the Performing Arts Center Roof Project:** Board members approved the low bid from Superior Services RSH, Inc. in the amount of \$1,089,000 for the Performing Arts Center roof project at Davison High School. The project includes work on the entire roof and related equipment for the Performing Arts Center. Superior Services installed the new roof at Siple Elementary last summer.
- **Approval to Schedule the January 2022 Board Meeting Date:** Since the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education are scheduled during the January Organizational meeting each year, Board members approved setting January 10, 2022, as the first meeting of the Board of Education for the 2022 calendar year. The remainder of the meeting dates will be proposed at the January 10 meeting.
- * **Acceptance of Contributions:** The following contributions have been offered to the district:

Wojo's Garden Splendors donated flower barrels to Thomson Elementary for beautification of the school.

Joe Madore, Davison Sign, donated a homecoming parade banner to Thomson Elementary

The next regular Board of Education meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, December 6, at the Davison Middle School cafeteria.

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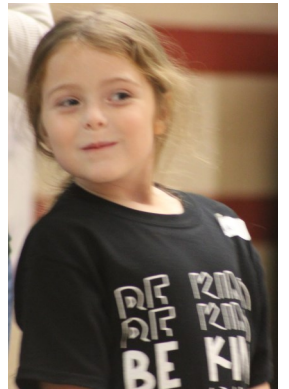
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Presentations



Leading the Pledge

Students from Siple Elementary's LINKS program presented the Pledge at the November Board of Education meeting. The LINKS program is a peer-to-peer support program that connects general education students with their peers who experience autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or other communication/social difficulties. The Siple program is supervised by Mrs. **Kelly Fritz**, Resource Room Teacher and Mrs. **Nicole Illig**, Speech Pathologist. Peer support students participate in training to increase their understanding of how they can provide support to their LINKS friends. The purpose is to help students with communication and social difficulties develop new friendships, skills and experience a sense of belonging throughout the school.



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DHS DECA students to lead Cool to Care campaign

Kylie Haremza and Paige Craft are leading this year's Cool to Care campaign—an annual effort taken on by Davison Community Schools' students and staff to raise funds for Outreach East, a local nondenominational agency that assists those in need of food, clothing, housing and services.

"It was one of the few DECA projects that had meaning behind it," Kylie said. "I hope to be able to make a lasting change for something."

Kylie, a senior, and Paige, a junior, shared their ideas for this year's fundraiser, which has a new direction as this year's campaign will focus on raising money instead of collecting canned goods due to lack of storage space at Outreach East. Both know this will be a challenge.

"For some students, it may be harder to donate money compared to a few cans," Paige said.

Because of that, the girls have enlisted the help of building principals to come up with building-specific fundraising goals. For example, at least one building principal is considering letting her students cover her in "silly string" if the school meets its fundraising goal.

Other ideas include holding a "miracle minute" at a home athletic event to see how much change can be collected from the crowd, penny wars between classes, selling hot chocolate, holding a spirit week during Thanksgiving week and a movie night in the auditorium giving the community one last chance to attend an event there before the new Performing Arts Center is completed.

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Kylie, left, and Paige share their presentation and ideas about this year's Cool to Care campaign with Board of Education members.



Pat Cunningham, Amy Walker named Kids First staffers for November/October

Board members recognized **Patrick Cunningham** as the November recipient of the Kids First award. **Amy Walker** earned the title of the October Kids First award recipient but was unable to attend the board meeting.

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.

Mr. Cunningham was nominated by Davison High School Principal **Mr. Ron Jacobs** and Assistant Principals **Mrs. Julie Malenich** and **Mr. TJ Fischhaber**.



Above, left to right: High School Principal Ron Jacobs, DHS Head Custodian Patrick Cunningham and November Kids First award recipient, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Board President Karen Conover. Inset, Hill Elementary Success Coordinator Amy Walker is the October Kids First award recipient.



“Patrick Cunningham is new to the Davison High School Team; however, he has made a big impact in his role as the High School’s Daytime Head of Maintenance and Custodial in his short few months. Pat Cunningham’s name should be written in the Guinness World Record Book, under the caption of the most jobs in a 24 hour period and with a subheading of the hardest worker in 24 hours. Pat starts his day at Davison High School, repairing, fixing, adjusting, cleaning, shoveling, unloading, delivering, and taking care of all the things that were not taken care of the night before. Patrick ensures that the building is physically safe and clean for all of our students, parents, and staff. Also, Pat quickly completes all of the other projects the High School Principal routinely dreams up over the weekend. After his first job as the Daytime Head of Maintenance and Custodial, he jumps in a Davison Community Schools School Bus to make runs for field trips, sporting events, and fill in for absent bus drivers. Additionally, to cement his name in the record books he works at Autozone in his spare time on Mondays. Patrick is a proud retired Senior Chief Naval Officer and proud Davison High School graduate.”

Mrs. Walker was nominated by Hill Elementary Principal Mrs. Jennifer Burke, who wrote:

“Amy Walker is the success coordinator at Hill Elementary School. As a success coordinator she has many responsibilities within her day and is often one of the first people that students and families see when they are dropping their children off to school. She greets everyone with a smile and connects with kids by learning their names and getting to know their interests. Amy is a servant by heart, she does not have to work, but chooses to do so even in the midst of a pandemic. That speaks volumes about her character and her willingness to give to others. Amy is dedicated to children, works amazingly well with staff, and always has a positive outlook! I appreciate all that she does and I know that collectively our Hill School staff feels the same. I am grateful for the difference that she makes with our students each day. Amy works with a caseload of students that are on a daily check-in/check-out plan, provides daily sensory breaks, oversees our mileage club, supervises lunch/recess each and every day, runs our Cardinal Store, and so much more. Because of the proactive measures that are in place along with the team approach, we’ve been able to see great success with our students. Thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty, Amy! You are a wonderful example of a Kids First employee!”