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# Board Briefs



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## April



The following action items were approved by the Davison Board of Education at its March 7 meeting:

- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:** Board members approved a resolution acknowledging the week of May 2-6 as Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in Davison.

“We are very fortunate to have very highly dedicated, competent teachers and staff here at Davison Community Schools who work diligently for the benefit of the children and community,” said Superintendent **Kevin Brown**.

- **Series II Bond Draw:** Since the District has nearly exhausted monies in the first series of bond allocations, board members passed a resolution to access funds from series two one year earlier than anticipated.

“This is actually rather exciting,” Supt. Brown said. “Since the bond was approved in March 2020, we have been going at warped speed ever since. We are way ahead of where we anticipated we would be and now are kind of at a point where we will be running lean on the money we will need to continue the pace.”

Brown said district officials had anticipated to take the second series draw next summer.

The bond was approved nearly two years ago and many critical needs were immediately addressed including:

- ◇ Updating mechanical systems at Davison High School, Davison Alternative Education, Davison Middle School and Hahn Intermediate
- ◇ Roof replacements at Siple Elementary, Davison Alternative Education and the high school gym
- ◇ Construction of a new bus lot and renovations to the Lapeer Road property to house Transportation, Food Services and Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation offices.
- ◇ Installation of a new heating and air conditioning system (chiller) at Davison High School
- ◇ Security system upgrades throughout the district
- ◇ Addition of two classrooms at Thomson Elementary
- ◇ Removal of asbestos at Davison High School



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- ◇ Construction of a connector between the high school and alternative education building (which continues to be delayed due to supply shortages)

In addition, work on the new performing arts center continues to take place and is projected to be completed by spring of 2023.

- **Approval of Site Plan Improvements:** In another exciting and bond-related action item, the Board approved bids for an elevator for the new Performing Arts Center and site improvement work that will include new parent drop-off loops at Davison Middle School and Hahn Intermediate, a separate bus loop and expanded parent drop-off loop at Siple Elementary and expanded parking along the east side of Thomson Elementary. Schindler Elevator Corporation was awarded the low bid of \$114,267 to install the elevator. Board members approved the low bid of Diamond Excavating LLC in the amount of \$2,176,119 for the site improvements at Davison Middle School, Hahn Intermediate, Siple Elementary and Thomson Elementary. Work on these projects will take place this summer.
- **Acceptance of Contributions:** The following contributions have been offered to the district:
  - ◇ **Heidi Capps** donated 45 books to be placed on the district's traveling library bus.
  - ◇ **Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 126** donated \$1,800 for the cost of doors for the security vehicle.
  - ◇ **Karla Perrault** donated \$200 to offset the cost of the Shandy Longcore Mental Health Assembly.
  - ◇ **Chris Goetz** donated \$3,100 to the Davison High School to offset the cost of the Shandy Longcore Mental Health Assembly.



Block work continues on what will be the new main entrance on the west side of Davison High School.



This may look like a pile of dirt and block now but it is actually the space where the auditorium seating will take place once completed.



# Presentations



## Leading the Pledge

Hill Elementary Safety Patrol students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the April Board of Education meeting. Accompanying the students were Principal Mrs. Jenny Burke, Head Teachers Mrs. Lisa DuPrey and Mrs. Jodi Halverson and Fourth Grade Teacher and Safety Patrol Sponsor Mrs. Kristine White.





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## *Honoring student athletes*

Board members recognized the student athletes responsible for providing an outstanding winter season at Davison High School. Above, the Boys and Girls Bowling teams both made it to the final four in the state tournament. The boys finished third in the state and Jared Musser was runner-up to the singles championship. The girls finished second in the state tournament losing to Macomb Dakota in the finals. Davison bowler Emma Siekierski won the individual state championship. Below, our wrestling team had another amazing season winning the Division I State Championship for the second year in a row. Four wrestlers, Josh Barr, Jimmy Colley, Remy Cotton and Caden Horwath each won individual state titles.



## Hill teacher is April Kids First recipient

Board members recognized Hill Elementary Teacher Mrs. **Jennifer Galbreath** as the April 2022 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. Galbreath was nominated by Hill Elementary Principal Mrs. **Jennifer Burke** who wrote:

“It is my pleasure to nominate Jenni Galbreath for a Kids First Award. Jenni transferred from Thomson to Hill this school year as a kindergarten teacher. Right from the start, she was embraced by her colleagues. Her friendly spirit and warm heart are easily recognizable.

She exhibits patience, kindness, and shows compassion. Jenni's classroom environment is all that parents would want for their child's first school experience to be and more. It's calm, yet lively and you can hear the sound of joy and excitement as you travel through the halls.



**Above, left to right: Hill Elementary Principal Jennifer Burke, Hill Elementary Teacher Jennifer Galbreath, Board President Karen Conover and Superintendent**

Jenni has fun with her students and beams with enthusiasm when she talks about them. When Jenni sings around the room, you can see the way students gravitate toward her like the birds with Snow White. It really makes your heart smile.

Jenni loves her students and it's obvious that her students adore her. She is committed to the success of ALL students, no matter what. Her tireless efforts to not only meet, but exceed expectations are admired. Thank you for fostering that love of learning to our earliest learners. Her dedication to the students and Hill School staff and families is much appreciated. Jenni is truly carrying out and living our "Kids First" mission."

