

Board Briefs

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September



The following action items were approved by the Davison Board of Education at its September 12 meeting:

- **Graduation Ceremonies:** Graduation ceremonies for Davison High School will be returning to the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center. The Davison High School Class of 2023 graduation will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2023. Following a recent visit to the arena, Principal Jerry Piger said the venue has undergone extensive renovations that included the addition of laser screens. Davison Alternative Education will hold its graduation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, in the Davison High School Auditorium.
- **Appointment to DCER Advisory Board:** Skip Konkle was reappointed as the school district's representative to the Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation Advisory Board. In addition to the District, leaders from the City of Davison and Davison Township are asked to appoint a representative to the board each year.
- **Merit Based Compensation:** While Michigan Revised School Code requires school districts to establish a method of compensating teachers and administrators based on performance, the District has historically awarded merit pay to all eligible employees. The Board approved off-scale payments of \$1,000 for administrators, \$800 for supervisors, \$600 for teachers, \$500 for Central Office staff, \$400 for full-time, hourly employees and \$200 for part-time, hourly employees who worked a minimum of the second semester of the 2021-22 school year. The payments will be included in the September 30 pay period.
- **Acceptance of Donations:** The following donations were gratefully acknowledged:
 - ♦ **Richard and Donna Holland of Holland Heating and Cooling** donated \$3,200 to Siple Elementary to provide extra funds for teachers to purchase additional classroom supplies.
 - ♦ The **Davison Optimist Club** donated 80 backpacks filled with school supplies for students in grades K-12.
 - ♦ **Wojo's Garden Splendors** donated flower barrels to Thomson Elementary for beautification of the school.
 - ♦ **Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Davison** donated backpacks and school supplies to Thomson Elementary.
 - ♦ **Kent Jones, Gale Road Holdings**, donated teacher record books, lesson plan books, CA60 forms, test record cards, message pads and hall pads to be used in all district buildings as needed.



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Presentations



Leading the Pledge

Safety Patrol students from Siple Elementary led the audience at the September Board of Education meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students were accompanied by Principal **Mrs. Christy Flowers** and Teacher **Mr. Ernie Siple**. Fourth grade students apply to serve on the Safety Patrol and take their jobs very seriously.



Stacy Evans is September Kids First recipient

Board members recognized Gates Elementary Teacher Mrs. **Stacy Evans** as the September 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. Evans was nominated by Gates Elementary Principal Mrs. **Natalie Miller** who wrote:

“While I have only had the pleasure of working directly with Stacy since the beginning of this school year, I have long known that she exemplifies what it means to be a Kids First employee. In her hired position as a special education teacher, Stacy takes great care when working with students on her case-load. Whether it is pulling students one-on-one, designing lessons, meeting with students in small groups, or working on assessments, she is diligent in making sure the needs of her students are met. These needs include academic, behavioral, and social emotional. It is not uncommon to see Stacy walking with a student calmly talking about what is going on in their life or using this time to defuse a student who may be having a hard time. Building genuine relationships with all students is something that comes naturally to Stacy and kids love being around her.



“Additionally, Stacy is a wonderful resource for teachers and staff. Her calm and caring demeanor allows her to help staff with strategies they can use in the classroom. Stacy serves the building as head teacher, a MICIP representative, and is a valuable member of our building student assistance team. Whenever something needs ‘doing,’ Stacy is quick to step up and in to help. Outside of the work she does within the building, Stacy has served in many different capacities over the years at the district level. Most recently, she served as the Summer School Coordinator. Watching her in this role, moving in and out to be sure the needs of our elementary summer school students were being met, was like watching Snow White work with her woodland friends. Every move and interaction was positive and done with a smile. Due to her leadership, students enjoyed a summer of learning that was fun and engaging. Stacy comes to work every single day with a smile on her face and a positive ‘can do’ attitude. She is a problem solver. She is a team player in every sense of the word and always does so in the service of kids.

Whether it is providing a break for a child, holding small group or one-on-one sessions, providing resources for a teacher or parent, completing school programs, intervening with a student, or helping with buses, Stacy’s entire day is spent putting kids first. It is for these reasons and so many more that I could list, that Stacy is truly a Kids First employee and so deserving of this recognition.”



Above, left to right, Gates Elementary Principal Natalie Miller, Stacy Evans, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Board President Karen Conover. Below, Stacy showing off her award with family members following the presentation.



DMS staff member credited for lifesaving efforts

Just two days after the beginning of the school year had started, Davison Middle School Success Program Coordinator **Terry Cline** was approached by a student in the lunchroom. He recognized the student as she was new to the district and he had just given her a tour of the building the week prior. This interaction, however, would result in Mr. Cline quite possibly saving the student's life.

The student indicated she wasn't able to breathe and Mr. Cline quickly deduced that she was choking. He immediately went into action, performing the Heimlich Maneuver, successfully dislodging the item to clear the student's airway.



Because of his actions, Mr. Cline was recognized by the Board of Education with a special "Kids First Hero" award. In addition to a certificate, Terry was awarded with a \$100 gift card from the Mark Owen MEEMIC Insurance Agency.



Left to right, Davison Middle School Assistant Principal Mrs. Andrea Ferguson, Principal Mrs. Josie Paquette, Board President Karen Conover, Success Coordinator Terry Cline and Superintendent Kevin Brown.



Welcome new educational leaders

Following tradition, a brief welcome reception was held prior to the September Board of Education meeting to give new teachers and board members a chance to meet. The District's 39 new teachers were introduced during the meeting.

Vicky Alvarez, DHS/DMS, Social Worker
Mary Kay Andrews, Hahn Intermediate, CAP Teacher
Brit Austin, Hill Elementary, Speech Pathologist
Amy Baxter, Central Elementary, First Grade
Derek Brakefield, Hahn Intermediate, Sixth Grade
Ellie Carter, Gates Elementary, Vocal Music Teacher
Joni Clemons, DMS, Counselor
Amy Cottrill, DHS, English
Brad Davis, DMS, Band Teacher
Danielle Gagnier, Siple Elementary, First Grade
Caroline Gase, Hahn Intermediate, Fifth Grade
Michaela Graham, Central Elementary, Fourth Grade
Michelle Hester-Hyde, Hahn Intermediate, Special Ed.
Kathryn Kellogg, Siple Elementary, Speech Pathologist
Kaitlynn Klann, Hahn Intermediate, Vocal Music
Glenda LaBruyere, DHS, Science
Annette LaDell, Hahn Intermediate, Counselor
Alexis Liley, Counselor, Siple Elementary
Katie Locher, Hahn Intermediate, Fifth Grade
Sydney Lovett, Hahn Intermediate, Fifth Grade
Nicole Lucy, Thomson/Siple, Special Education
Marsha Marshall, DHS, Chemistry
Russell Matthews, DMS/Hahn, Orchestra
Staci Maule, Thomson, Kindergarten
Julie Naughton, DMS, Special Education
Stacy Sahr, DHS, Special Education
Claire Schenk, Hahn Intermediate, Fifth Grade
Rob Schleicher, Central Elementary, Third Grade
Ann Seeley, Thomson Elementary, Kindergarten
Brian Seymour, Central Elementary, Fourth Grade
Kevin Sisson, DHS, Construction Trades
Kathy Sundberg, Thomson Elementary, Social Worker
Michele Tibbitt, DHS, Counselor
Meredith Wheatley, Thomson Elementary, Kindergarten
Rachael Wilkerson, Central Elementary, Third Grade
Carol Wilson, Gates Elementary, Third Grade
Kelsey Wilson, Hahn Intermediate, Sixth Grade
April Wiltse, Siple Elementary, Kindergarten
Jenessa Woodrich, Hahn Intermediate, Fifth Grade

