

Board Briefs

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May



The following action items were approved by the Davison Board of Education at its May 2 meeting:

- **Genesee Intermediate School District Budget:** Board members voted 6-0 to approve the GISD budget at its May Board of Education meeting. State law requires local school boards to review and either support or disapprove of the annual intermediate school district's proposed budget. Board Trustee **Nicholas Goyette** attended the annual GISD budget hearing on April 27, and Superintendent **Kevin Brown** has taken part in meetings where the proposed 2022/2023 GISD budgets have been reviewed by Genesee County superintendents.
- **Policy Updates for First Reading:** Board members approved several policies for a first reading. The policies include:
 - ⇒ 1616 Staff Dress and Grooming. While there are policies in place addressing grooming and dress for professional and support staff, there has not been one for administrative staff.
 - ⇒ 6110 Grant Funds
 - ⇒ 6114 Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds
 - ⇒ 6325 Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds

The latter three policies deal with ensuring that federal funds are spent following the guidelines set forth by the grant stipulations.

Policy updates are provided by Neola, a company the Board has contracted with since February 2014 to provide a policy manual review and updates. The Board Policy and Planning Committee reviews the policies prior to coming to the Board for approval.

- **Acceptance of Contributions:** The following contributions have been offered to the district:
 - ◇ **Kipp Stewart**, Stewart & Associates Insurance, donated \$1,000 for the sponsorship of the Senior Honors Night Reception.
 - ◇ **Kendra Landry** donated two large boxes of classroom crafts and Easter goodies to Siple Elementary.
 - ◇ **Journey Ministries** donated children's clothing to Siple Elementary for students who may need a change during the day.



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Leading the Pledge

Thomson Elementary students recognized as a “Cardinal Code Kid” for always following the Cardinal Code led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the May Board of Education meeting. Accompanying the students were Principal Mrs. Natalie Miller and Teachers Mrs. Sara Howes, Mrs. Emily Williams and Miss Sydney Wheeler.



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Honoring the House of Cards

It has been an amazing season for the FIRST Robotics House of Cards Team #3534. Our students have represented Davison High School at the highest levels of STEM and FRC competition. Accomplishments this season include: three Kettering FIRST Robotics Scholarships, two Quality awards, one GM Industrial Design award, a Michigan District win at Kettering and now a World Championship Division win. Board members recognized each member of the team at the May Board of Education meeting. Included with team members are Board Vice President Granger Stefanko, Davison High School Principal Ron Jacobs, Coach Chris Purdy and Mentors Tom Hazel, Kevin Meikle, Pete Schneider, Alex Debusschere, Malachi Bergman and Superintendent Kevin Brown. Below, a very proud Principal Ron Jacobs checks out all the hardware the team has won this season.



Crossing guard named May Kids First recipient

Board members recognized M-15 Crossing Guard Mr. **Mike Christopherson** as the May 2022 recipient of the Kids First award.

Each month, administrators nominate a DCS employee or school-related individual 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. Christopherson was nominated by Hahn Intermediate Principal **Verle Gilbert**, Davison Middle School Principal **Josie Paquette**, Hahn Assistant Principal **Keri Collins** and Davison Middle School Assistant Principal **Andrea Ferguson** who wrote:

“It is our pleasure to nominate Mike Christopherson for the Kids First Award. Mike has been the crossing guard at the corner of M-15 and Clark Street for many years.

Being a crossing guard is one of the most dangerous jobs in our city, and Mike is willing to risk his safety to make sure that our students are safe. He takes great pride in making sure that the students crossing at one of the two major intersections in Davison are able to get to school and then get home to their families safe and sound.

Mike’s dedication to his job and the students is worth mentioning. Mike is always there ... whether it is in the freezing rain/snow or the blazing heat. Mike’s job entails so much more than ensuring the safety of our kids. He takes the time to talk with students and gets to know them during the short time they are there with him waiting to cross. Students report that they like Mike and enjoy the daily interactions with him.

Mike embodies Davison’s mission statement of putting kids first and he would be a worthy nominee.”



Above, left to right: Hahn Intermediate Principal Verle Gilbert, Davison Middle School Assistant Principal Andrea Ferguson, Davison Middle School Principal Josie Paquette, Mike Christopherson, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Board Vice President Granger Stefanko.