



Board Briefs

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January



The following action items were approved by the Davison Board of Education at its January 9 meeting:

- **Election of Officers:** The following Board members were elected as officers:
Karen Conover, President
Granger Stefanko, Vice President
Alicia Hensley, Secretary
Holly Halabicky, Treasurer
- **Approval of Standing Committees:** The following standing committees were once again approved:
 - ◇ Buildings, Grounds and Transportation
 - ◇ Curriculum, Extra-Curriculum Programs and Technology
 - ◇ Finance
 - ◇ Personnel
 - ◇ Policy and Planning
 - ◇ Student Reinstatement
- **Meeting days and times:** Board members approved the meeting schedule for 2023 (below). Meeting times will change from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - ◆ Monday, February 6, 2023, DHS Auditorium
 - ◆ Monday, March 6, 2023, DHS Auditorium
 - ◆ Monday, April 10, 2023, DHS Auditorium
 - ◆ Monday, May 15, 2023, DHS Auditorium
 - ◆ Monday, June 5, 2023, DHS Auditorium
 - ◆ Monday, June 19, 2023 (Planned Budget and Superintendent Evaluation Meeting), Cardinal Center Board Room
 - ◆ Monday, July 17, 2023, Cardinal Center Board Room
 - ◆ Monday, August 7, 2023, Cardinal Center Board Room
 - ◆ Monday, September 11, 2023, DHS Auditorium
 - ◆ Monday, October 2, 2023, DHS Auditorium
 - ◆ Monday, November 6, 2023, DHS Auditorium
 - ◆ Monday, December 4, 2023, DHS Auditorium
- **Designation of Representative for Annual GUSD Budget Hearing:** Treasurer **Holly Halabicky** was selected to serve as the Board's voting representative at the GUSD budget hearing scheduled for 5 p.m. April 26. Newly elected Trustee **Kurtis McMahan** will serve as alternate.



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- **Designation of Representative to Serve as Liaison and Alternate Liaison to GCABSM Executive Committee:** **Karen Conover** will continue to serve as the district's liaison on the Genesee County Association of School Board Members' Executive Committee. New board member **Alicia Hensley** has volunteered to serve as the alternate liaison. The committee typically meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Genesee Intermediate District's Davis Education Center.
- **Approval of DHS Choir Overnight Field Trip:** Board members approved a request by Davison High School Choral Director **Garth Starr** to accompany students **Kendra Kalfayan** and **Dustin White** to attend the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Choir Festival in Grand Rapids January 19-21. Following two days of rehearsal, students will perform in concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 21.
- **Acceptance of Donations:** The following donations were gratefully acknowledged:
 - ♦ **Teri Hill** donated \$75 to Gates Elementary to be used for staff and student incentives.
 - ♦ **Dustyn Kruger** made a monetary donation to Thomson Elementary to help cover student lunch balances.
 - ♦ **Ben Noyce, Davison Farm Bureau**, made a \$200 donation to the Davison High School Links Program.
 - ♦ **First Baptist Church** donated 100 pairs of Bombas socks to Siple Elementary for use by students who are in need.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2023, at the Davison High School Auditorium.



Ceremonial Oath of Office

The Honorable Judge Mark Latchana of the 7th Judicial Circuit Court and the Honorable Judge Jennifer Manley of the 67th District Court attended Monday night's Board of Education meeting to officiate the ceremonial swearing in of new board members Holly Halabicky, Alicia Hensley and Kurtis McMahan.



Presentations



Leading the Pledge

The January Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Hahn Intermediate Student Council and students selected as Hahn Heroes. Accompanying the students were Student Council sponsors and teachers **Jordan Flores** and **Laura Ferguson**, Hahn Heroes teacher sponsor **Tara Hendrix**, Dean of Students **Heather Hundt** and Principal **Verle Gilbert**.



Brenda Smith named Kids First recipient

Central Elementary Teacher **Mrs. Brenda Smith** was named as the January 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. Smith was nominated by Central Elementary Principal **Mrs. Christine Kuzinski**, who wrote:

“Brenda is truly deserving of the “Kids First” award for her work as a first grade teacher at Central that goes above and beyond.

Brenda has a calm but confident demeanor, a positive attitude, and a willingness to put kids first in everything she does. Last year, Brenda was a recipient of the Michigan Lottery, Excellence in Education Award after being nominated by a former parent whose family was forever changed by Brenda. Brenda

is purposeful at getting to know her students and communicating with families. Her ability to recognize a change in behavior and communicate that to this student’s parents led to a life-changing diagnosis. Brenda’s support of that student and family continued far beyond the hours of the school day or school year.

As a leader, Brenda has stepped up to mentor numerous staff members and student teachers. She is masterful at establishing procedures and routines with her students and is often asked to share her classroom management skills and knowledge with others. In fact, she has even been sought out by University staff to assist student teachers who were struggling with this to help propel some of our newest teachers onto a positive professional trajectory.

When Brenda sees a need, she fills the need without complaint or seeking recognition. She’s been seen supervising students during dismissal time when we were short-staffed and helping out with buses when needed. Brenda also voluntarily opens up her classroom to some of our students when they have a guest teacher and need some extra support.

I am so grateful that Brenda is part of our Central team. She is not one to ever seek the spotlight, although is often worthy of it; so it is my great pleasure to nominate Brenda for the Davison Community Schools Kids First Award.”



Left to right: Central Elementary Principal Christine Kuzinski, Teacher Brenda Smith, Superintendent Kevin Brown and Vice President Granger Stefanko.



Fall All-State Athletes

Davison High School student athletes **Jay'len Flowers** and **Carter Herriman** were recognized for achieving All-State status. Both students were selected to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's All-State First Team.



Athletic Director Dave Beamer, DHS Teacher and Football Coach Jake Weingartz, Carter Herriman, Jay'len Flowers, Board Vice President Granger Stefanko and Superintendent Kevin Brown.



January is School Board Appreciation Month

The District's youngest and oldest students came together to recognize Board of Education members as part of School Board Appreciation Month.