

# Board Briefs



## February

The following action items were approved by the Davison Board of Education at its February 6 meeting:

- **Approval of Marketing/DECA Overnight Field Trip:** Board members approved the request, made by DHS Teacher **Matthew Ames**, in order for 12 high school students who qualified to attend the State DECA Career Development Conference. The competition will be held March 11-13 in Detroit. The following students will represent Davison at the State Conference in various occupational events: **Ava Bernard, Jack Blascyk, Greg Coble, Asa Corlew, Paige Craft, Torey Christensen, Catherine Fox, Tyler Gist, Elle Hartwell, Emjae Jensen, Tiffany Kiefer, Matt Kilmer, Allison Martello, Makayla McArthur, Haydn Molina, Braydn Parrott, Faith Rayburn, Victoria Scally, Abby Sierkierski, Isabella Stephens, Barrett Tefft, Bradyn Titsworth, Rylie Tomlinson, Connor Vermilya, Kamden Walworth and Brooklyn Woughter.**
- **Approval of DHS Key Club Overnight Field Trip:** Permission was granted for the Davison High School Key Club and DHS Teacher and Club Advisor **Mary Ann Stedry** to attend the Service Leadership Conference March 17-19 in Bay City. Students attending include: **Vivian Griffin, Makayla McArthur, Alyssa Stram, Isabella Stephens, Brooklyn Lindsey, Zoey Bednarski and Devin Vo.** Devin is a member of the Executive Board for Michigan Key Club. He is the Lieutenant Governor. Devin will be attending the conference with the Michigan Key Club Executive Board Thursday, March 16-19.
- **Approval of DHS HOSA trip:** Fourteen students from the Davison High School Future Health Professionals group have qualified to compete at the state HOSA Competition April 27-28 in Traverse City. Board of Education members approved the overnight trip. Students who qualified for states following the December 9 competition at Saginaw Valley State University include:
  - \* **Nevaeh Kisse**, 1st place, Human Growth and Development
  - \* **Rachel Lashley**, 3rd place, Human Growth and Development
  - \* **Kaylee Jones**, 3rd place, Nutrition
  - \* **Elena Ash**, 4th place, Clinical Nursing
  - \* **Jacob Peterson**, 7th place, Clinical Nursing
  - \* **Emmerson Wernette**, 6th place, Medical Assisting
  - \* **Megan Harris**, 1st place, Pharmacy Science
  - \* **Sydney Hall**, 2nd place, Veterinary Science

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- \* **Sara Meikle**, 4th place, Emergency Medical Technician
- \* **Grace Roberts**, 4th place, Emergency Medical Technician
- \* **Rylee Fulgham**, 2nd place, Health Career Display
- \* **March'ae Alexander-Nelson**, 2nd place, Health Career Display
- \* **Ella Birkmeier**, 7th place, Health Career Display
- \* **Layla Soper**, 7th place, Health Career Display



Davison High School students belonging to the HOSA—Future Health Professionals Club, show off their hardware following competition in December at Saginaw Valley State University.

- **MASB Board of Director's Election:** Board members officially cast their vote in the 2023 Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) Board of Directors election. Richard Hill, President of the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education is challenging incumbent James Johnson for the Region 5 seat, which represents Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties. Board members voted 6-0 to cast their ballot for Hill. Trustee Matthew Smith was absent from the meeting.
- **Approval of Gates and Siple Elementary Secure Entryway Project:** The next round of summer work on the 2020 Bond Project will take place at Gates Elementary and Siple Elementary where secure entryway vestibules will be installed. Board members approved the low base bid of \$1,043,410 submitted by seven contractors for concrete, masonry, structural steel, glass, mechanical, electrical, demo and general trades work that will take place at both buildings. The new entryways will require visitors to enter a vestibule before gaining admittance to the main office and is one of the promises made during the bond campaign to the community to enhance security of school buildings. Secure entry vestibules are planned for every school building and will be funded by bond monies. "We plan to do this to all schools but we just can't do them all at once," said Superintendent **Kevin Brown**.
- **Approval of Gates and Siple Elementary Arsenic Filtration System:** Money from the district's Building and Site sinking fund will be used to replace arsenic filters at Gates and Siple elementary buildings, the only two schools in the district that operate on a well system. Board members approved the low bid of \$147,022 from McIntyre's Soft Water to complete the job.
- **Approval of the District's Public Address System Project:** Another project that will be

paid for with bond monies is the Public Address System project throughout the district. "This falls into the areas of both technology and safety," said Superintendent **Kevin Brown**. Board members approved the lone bid of \$275,977 from Rauland Sound Com Systems to complete the work.

- **Approval of Voice Over IPs and purchase of 17 Projectors for Davison High School:** Another project that bond monies will be used to pay for includes the replacement of the district's antiquated phone system as well as 17 overhead projectors that will be replaced following this summer's abatement project at Davison High School. Board members voted to award the contract for the Voice Over IPs in the amount of \$126,409 and the purchase of the projectors for \$46,481 through the REMC countywide competitive bid process.
- **Approval to Purchase Eight School Buses:** General Fund monies will be used to purchase eight 2019 Thomas, 77-passenger Saf-T-Liner school buses. Board members approved paying \$510,720 to Hoekstra Transportation for the buses, which will replace some of the most aged vehicles in the district's fleet. The money to pay for the buses will come from the district's General Fund.
- ◇ **Schools of Choice resolutions:** Board of Education members voted to participate in both Sections 105 and 105c of the Schools of Choice program for the 2023-24 school year.

Davison Community Schools will be accepting limited applications for non-resident students under Sections 105 and 105c Schools of Choice for the 2023/2024 school year. Acceptance under either plan will be based on limited availability and elementary students will be placed in school buildings according to equalized space available in all classrooms.

The application period for each program will be:

- ◇ 105c Schools of Choice, May 1-15, 2023: The District will accept applications for pupils whose district of residency is outside of Genesee County in districts within the following bordering counties: Lapeer, Livingston, Oakland, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Tuscola.
- ◇ 105 Schools of Choice, May 1-15, 2023: The District will accept applications for pupils whose district of residency is in Genesee County.

Schools of Choice applications will be available on our website beginning at 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 1, until 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2023. Applications cannot be distributed or accepted outside the application period. Applicants will need to provide a copy of a valid driver's license or some other proof of non-resident status.

In addition, a copy of the student's behavior report for the past two years **MUST** be submitted with each application (for enrollment in grades 1 through 12).

**IMPORTANT: The student's Schools of Choice application will not be accepted without a copy of a behavior report for each of the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years or a document from the school(s) attended in 2021-22 and 2022-23 on the school district's letterhead, including dates of enrollment and signed by a school representative indicating there is no behavior record for the student.**

Students who have been suspended, expelled or withdrawn in lieu of expulsion within the last two years may be denied enrollment in the district under the 105 and 105c Schools of Choice guidelines.



Parents of Schools of Choice students are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2023. Applications will not be accepted after that time.

For further information, please email Robin Ricica, Secretary to the Superintendent, at [rrica-ca@davisonschools.org](mailto:rrica-ca@davisonschools.org).

- **Acceptance of Donations:** The following donations were gratefully acknowledged:
  - ♦ **First Baptist Church of Davison** donated \$205 to the Shop with a Hero program.
  - ♦ **Isabelle Ellis** donated new books to the Thomson Elementary media center.
  - ♦ **Journey Ministries** donated \$1,000 to the Food Services Department. The money will be applied to student lunch accounts with a negative balance.
  - ♦ An **anonymous donor** gave \$1,000 to the district to benefit the Cardinal's Care Fund, In addition, the Kids Come First Forum made a monetary donation to the Cardinals Care Fund.
  - ♦ Davison Education Association (DEA) made a \$250 donation in honor of School Board Recognition Month to the Cardinals Care Fund.

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

### Leading the Pledge

More photos featuring our GSRP preschool students leading the Pledge on the next page.





# Presentations

## Leading the Pledge

The February Pledge of Allegiance was led by preschool students from the Great Start Readiness Program along with their teachers and Early Learning Director **Melanie Berry**.





# DMS Monitor named Kids First recipient

Davison Middle School Monitor **Draven Decker** was named as the February recipient of the Kids First award.

Each month, administrators nominate a DCS employee or contracted staff member 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.

Draven was nominated by Davison Middle School Principal **Mrs. Josie Paquette**, Assistant Principal **Mrs. Andrea Ferguson** and Dean of Students **Mr. Chris Wilson**, who wrote:

*“Draven just joined the middle school staff this year. He performs many roles at Davison Middle school as he is a team player. Draven serves as a hall-way monitor, bathroom monitor, lunchroom monitor, and our all around go-to guy when help is needed.*



Left to right: Davison Middle School Assistant Principal Andrea Ferguson, Principal Josie Paquette, Davison Middle School Monitor Draven Decker, Board President Karen Conover and Superintendent Kevin Brown.

*In Draven’s short time with us, he has made quite an impression. Draven always comes to work with a positive attitude and takes pride in working at Davison Community Schools. For example, we have many high-need, at-risk students with disabilities who require an escort to the restroom or the office. They can become confused or distracted otherwise. Draven escorts these students with dignity. He does this by developing a positive rapport with them that has led to many valuable social interactions.*

*Along with making connections, Draven also understands the importance of physical activity for our active middle school students. During lunch, he opens and supervises the gym so that students can play basketball when they finish eating early. There are many students who take advantage of this opportunity that he provides. Draven has been a welcome addition to our DMS staff this year as he promotes our positive school climate initiatives such as spirit weeks and models a “kids first” philosophy each and every day. DMS is a better place for all kids and staff because of Draven.*

*Thank you Draven for putting our kids first!”*



# All-State student musician earns first chair honors in state orchestra

Although Davison High School junior and student musician **Quinlan Bollwitt** was unable to attend February's meeting due to a prior commitment, Board of Education members still wanted to recognize his amazing achievement of being accepted as a first-chair bassoonist in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's All-State Orchestra. Quinlan performed last month with the All-State Orchestra in Grand Rapids. Congratulations to Quinlan!



**Quinlan Bollwitt**

## Benchmark Assessment Report and Update

Director of Curriculum Dr. **Angie Hards** gave an update on student progress toward meeting achievement and growth goals at the February Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Hards also reviewed the District's Continuity of Learning Plan to suffice requirements of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act (ESSER) III funds. The plan can be found on the district's website at:

<https://mi02211530.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/MI02211530/Centricity/Domain/37/DCSESSERIIIExtendedCOVID19Learning%20Planreviewed262023.pdf>

While the mid-year reporting is a required under Michigan Public Act 144, Dr. Hards said the practice does come at a good time to check in and provides a great opportunity to talk about students.

"Frankly we just want to see where (students) are at but we also need to be mindful that this is mid point," she added. "Students are learning but they are doing it at their pace. Students learn at their level at their time."

Dr. Hards said the District has implemented many programs—including the addition of Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) coaches and instructors in buildings this school year to give targeted support to struggling students. Child Study Teams—teams of staff who evaluate and plan for students in need of additional academic or social emotional services—have been introduced to the secondary level after being in place at the elementary level for several years. Teachers are also given dedicated time to participate in Data Days and Professional Learning Communities with colleagues and the District's Advisory Curriculum Committee recently revamped the curriculum process.

"I am proud to say that our district has done many things to address learning loss," she said. "There has been a lot of very intentional work done in order to help our students."

Dr. Hards said the Board can expect a similar presentation at the end of the year to review the progress of students once again. In addition, the Continuity of Learning Plan will be reviewed once again to meet the state's requirement that it be reviewed every six months.

"This plan guides our work," Dr. Hards said. "It guides safety in planning, monitoring and reporting, and helps us to plan for instructional needs, provide equitable access to technology and recognize other needs that students may have."



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