

Board Briefs



March

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

- **Approval of Overnight Trip to Houston, Texas, for the Robotics Team:** Board members approved the request, made by House of Cards FRC Team 3534 Coach **Chris Purdy**, to plan a trip to Houston, Texas, for nine students to attend the FRC World Championship if the team qualifies in regional and state play. The World Championship is scheduled for April 19-23.
- **Approval of ACC Materials:** Following review by the Board's Curriculum Committee, board members voted to purchase nearly \$600,000 in textbook and curriculum resources as recommended by the District's Advisory Curriculum Committee. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funds set aside to address learning loss will pay for nearly half of the costs and will be used to purchase English Language Arts curriculum for elementary students. Other subjects that will be addressed include: art for grades seven -12, English for grades nine -12, Math for Developmental Kindergarten through fourth grade, Music for grades seven through 12, Physical Education/Health for grades seven and eight, Physical Education for Grades Developmental Kindergarten through fourth grade and grades nine through 12, Science for grades Developmental Kindergarten through eighth grade, World History and AP Government for grades nine through 12.
- **Approval of Cafeteria Tables:** Lunch tables throughout the District, including some of the original ones purchased when the high school was built in the 1970s, will be replaced. Board members accepted the low base bid of \$192,491.65 from Krueger International, Inc. for 111 new cafeteria tables. Money from the Food Service fund balance will be used for the purchase.
- **Approval of Hahn Intermediate Mechanical Equipment Replacement:** Funds from the 2020 Bond will be used to replace equipment on a boiler at Hahn Intermediate. The project will cost \$155,700 and will be completed by Dickerson Mechanical, Inc.
- **Acceptance of Donations:** The following donations were gratefully acknowledged:
 - ♦ **Mark Owen of MEEMIC Insurance** donated three \$100 Visa gift cards in support of the Kids First award program.
 - ♦ **Trinity Lutheran Church** donated children's clothing to Gates Ele-

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mentary for student use during the day as needed.

- ♦ **Woodchips, LLC** in Lapeer donated \$4,840.55 to the Food Services Department. The money was used to pay off the negative lunch balances for 594 students.
- ♦ The **Davison Education Association** donated \$500 to purchase books to be given to incoming students at Kindergarten Roundup.
- ♦ **Michael Stone** donated rock and mineral specimens to Davison Middle School for use in science classes.
- ♦ **Kevin and Jennifer Morey** donated seven bags of clothing to the Cardinal Clothes Closet at Davison High School.
- ♦ **Rick and Barbara Morey** donated a lawn mower to Davison High School.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, at the Davison High School Auditorium.



Leading the Pledge

The February Pledge of Allegiance was led by safety patrol members from Hill Elementary. Students were accompanied by teachers, Mrs. **Becky Rutkowski** and Mrs. **Jodi Halverson** as well as Principal Mrs. **Jennifer Burke**. More pictures on next page.

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DMS Counselor named Kids First recipient

Davison Middle School Counselor **Joni Clemons** has been named as the March 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.

Joni was nominated by Davison Middle School Principal **Dr. Josie Paquette**, who wrote:

“Joni Clemons joined our DMS staff and our district only this year but has already jumped in with both feet. Joni puts kids first every day at Davison Middle School. Joni came to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the arena of mental health. This is reflected in the depth of caring she has shown many of our higher risk students and their families.

Joni and her colleague started small group opportunities in partnership with Genesee Health Systems for students. Joni identified at-risk students in need and designed small group competencies to address their needs.

DMS now hosts skill-based groups every Tuesday and Thursday. Joni designed groups to help students build healthy relationships or to develop coping skills. This provides some students with one-on-one connections and small group positive interactions. Joni is very deliberate in her decision making and those decisions always fall under the umbrella of what is in the best interests of her students.

Joni Clemons has a superpower and that superpower improves all students' overall mental health. This includes ensuring that students attend school by investigating the reasons they do not and providing support for students who struggle. This includes providing resources for families and assurance that these resources will be available and helpful. This also includes advocating for students and families when they are in need. Joni Clemons has already made significant impacts on her DMS students and cemented relationships with parents, even though she has only been here a short while at Davison Middle School.

Thank you Joni for always putting kids first!



Left to right: Davison Middle School Principal Dr. Josie Paquette, Assistant Superintendent Matt Lobban, and Board President Karen Conover.

