

Board Briefs



School board takes oath, earn praise for Appreciation Month

The Honorable Judge John Conover administered the oath of office to newly re-elected Board of Education members **Karen Conover** and **Kim Lindsay** as well as the remaining five board members at Monday night's meeting.

"We always swear in everyone as a show of unity," Judge Conover said. "I have been doing this for 15 years and this year it falls on School Board Appreciation Month, which is very appropriate ... Davison is a prime time program and you are the prime time designers and architect for that program. Every day you make a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of children."

After board members were sworn into office, they were honored in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

"We feel very honored to have the seven of you as the leadership and governing body of this school district," said Superintendent **Eric Lieske**. "We have something very special here with the seven of you. It's exciting to see where you have taken—and continue to guide—this school district. Your "kids first" attitude coincides well with our mission."

On behalf of administrators, Thomson Elementary Principal **Natalie Miller** presented board members with a short video highlighting students throughout the district who shared in three words how they feel about school. To view the video, please visit the district website or click on the following link: <http://animoto.com/play/FQxpFkzu9Dtva5yn92MwNw>.

Sarah Smith-Clark, vice president of the Davison Education Association, also informed board members that a donation will be made in their honor to Outreach East.

Student board representatives **Joseph Kennedy** and **Matthew McAuliffe** were also recognized for their service.

The mission of the Davison Community Schools is to develop individuals who demonstrate skills necessary for lifelong success in a changing, global society.



Contributions accepted

Board members gratefully accepted the following donations:

- Davison parent **Amanda Haworth** donated a box of various seasonal/holiday items to Siple Elementary, which will be used for STAR store prizes, etc.
- Davison grandparent **Gail Parker** donated a variety of clothing, coats, gloves and hats to Thomson Elementary for students' use.
- **Bruce Stiff**, parent of a Davison graduate, donated General Motors engine parts to Davison High School's automotive technology class. Auto I students will use these parts in their engine building program.
- Davison parent **Lori Tallman** donated approximately 125 gently used books to Gates Elementary.
- **Patricia Roberts**, Davison resident, donated a PF70 Yamaha keyboard with stand and foot pedals to the Davison Middle School Music Department.

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Presentations

Hahn Teacher recognized for heroic life-saving actions

Hahn Intermediate Teacher **Julie Pattee** was recognized at this week's Board of Education meeting for her quick-thinking actions in saving one of her students who was choking on a piece of candy. Mrs. Pattee performed the Heimlich Maneuver on the student after he began choking on a piece of candy while in her classroom on December 11.

Hahn Teacher Julie Pattee, center, with Superintendent Eric Lieske and Board President Kathy Sudia.



Board of Education members Mark McGlashen, Karen Conover, Kathy Sudia, Kim Lindsay, Larry Finkbeiner, Doug Theodoroff and Dale Green are sworn into office at Monday's meeting. The oath was administered by the Honorable Judge John Conover.

Davison Community Schools was honored with an excellence award by the American Cancer Society for helping to raise \$17,000 at the 2012 Davison Relay for Life. ACS representative Christy Cook said the district has helped raise a total of \$84,000 since 2008. This year's Relay will be held on June 1 and the theme will be "Super Heroes." Right, American Cancer Society representative Kristy Cook, Siple Teacher and Relay volunteer Kimber Griffiths and Board President Kathy Sudia.

