

Board Briefs



Superintendent 'exceeds expectations' in evaluation

Davison Board of Education members unanimously agree that Superintendent **Eric Lieske** has exceeded expectations in his third year on the job.

Lieske was evaluated by the seven-member board during a closed session meeting May 6. The Board voted Monday, May 13, to extend Superintendent Lieske's contract an additional year, extending the contract to the 2015/16 school year.

Board members evaluated Superintendent Lieske in the areas of curriculum and instruction, community relations, student growth, personnel relations, fiscal and facilities management, professional leadership, board relations and goal attainment.

"Eric has done an outstanding job," said Board President **Kathleen Sudia**. "It has been a difficult year with the funding challenges but he has continued to handle the pressures required to run a first class operation very well. We have exciting times ahead as we continue to watch our students grow and the progress on the Central Elementary project. Eric is truly making a difference in the lives of our children."

Lieske began his career in Davison in 1997. During his 16 years with the District, he has held roles including teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent.

He began serving as superintendent July 1, 2010.

Sale and refinancing of bonds will result in significant savings

Board of Education members approved a measure Monday night that could potentially result in a lower millage rate than expected for the Central "Back to the Future" renovation/addition project and thousands of dollars in interest savings on the 2003 school bonds.

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



Board renews contract with Chartwells

Board members voted to extend the district's contract with Chartwells School Dining for the 2013/14 school year. Chartwells manages the district's Food Services program.

Board accepts donations

The following contributions have been gratefully accepted by the Board:

- Cardinal's Nest parent **Colleen Savage** donated a V.Smile educational game system and Big Wheel tricycle to the Cardinal's Nest for kids to play with. She also donated a microwave.
- An individual wishing to remain **anonymous** donated \$260 to the Davison High School Band and Orchestra program for financial assistance with costs associated with the group's recent trip to New York.
- Davison resident **Mary Jo Handwerker** donated a wooden rocking chair to the Cardinal's Nest for use in the infant room.

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Leading the Pledge

Students from Davison Alternative Education, along with DAE Counselor Jennifer Thomas and Dean of Students Dave Beamer, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at Monday night's Board of Education meeting. All of the students are recruits with the Air Force, Marines, Army or National Guard. One of the students, Austin Garnsey, has been working on a military "Tribute to the Troops" bulletin board at DAE where staff and students have shared photos of friends and loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the military.



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In February, voters approved the Central Elementary project. Because of the district's "Aa3" credit rating and aggressive approach to the amortization (pay-off) schedule, the district was able to secure a low interest rate in the successful sale of \$11,835,000 in bonds. As a result, taxpayers will more than likely end up paying approximately .63 of mill instead of the previously planned .75 mill.

The District also took the opportunity to refund bonds approved by voters in 2003 to renovate school buildings, build additional classrooms, purchase computers and instructional technology and construct Cardinal Stadium. This refinancing will reduce the interest expense approximately \$183,913 for the taxpayers and will occur through lower debt payments over the next 10 years.

"In these challenging economic times, we are thrilled at this opportunity to reduce the district's overall cost of its debt," said Superintendent Eric Lieske. "We are very grateful to our community and its continued support of the school district. This is just one more example of how the district can continue to actively look for ways to be fiscally responsible with what the taxpayers have entrusted us with."

This is the second time in just over a year that the district has saved taxpayers money by refunding bonds. Last March, Board of Education members voted to refinance bonds, which has the potential to save the district and taxpayers more than \$650,000 in interest savings.

DHS students present "Project Citizen" class project to Board

Students in Ms. **Ruth Smith's** transition government and economics classes at Davison High School shared information with Board members about their "Project Citizen" class project.

During the year-long project, students researched the possibilities and the pros and cons of installing vending machines with healthy snacks for students.

Students said the vending machines would increase students' alertness, provide an option for those who miss breakfast, improve school climate, promote healthy living habits and bring additional revenue into the school.

In addition to the vending machines, the students also requested that healthier beverages, including Gatorade and Sobe and Propel flavored waters be included in the pop machine that is available to students after school hours.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have so many students at the high school who want to make a positive difference," said Principal **Matt Shanafelt**.

Based on the students' findings, two vending machines for students will be added at Davison High School.

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Presentations



Student athletes attend Monday night's Board of Education meeting to receive their All Academic certificate.

All Academic Athletes recognized by Board of Education

This school year, 145 student athletes have been named as Saginaw Valley League All Academic Athletes. In order to qualify for the recognition, a student must be a sophomore, junior or senior; have participated in the sport more than one year and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher.

"We are pretty proud of all of them," said Athletic Director **Josh Wallberg**.

Students earning certificates include: **Jonathan Beaty, Jacob Beaver, Victoria Bellamy, Bailey Birnie, Sabree Bishop, Nicholas Blake, Andrew Bradsher, Kolbie Brow, McKenzie Brown, Sydney Brown, Alyssa Burke, Lauren Burkhardt, Kristina Button, Stephen Button, Melissa Calus, Maddi Carper, Elise Close, Aaron Cummings, Taylor Dameron, Jacob Davis, Laurin Davis, Kami Decker, Amber DeJohn, Nicole Dolloff, Maeve Dorn, Alex Downing, Theresa Dray, Cameron Edmonds, Arianna Elkins, Jake Ellis, Madison Faculak, Gage Fellows, Mariah Ferris, Hunter Fifield, Asia Foster, Jayann Froberg, Ciara Fromwiller, Hayley Gabriel, Amanda George, Megan George, Courtney Gifford, Alexandria Gill, Amanda Glenn, Lexi Glennie, Erica Goyette, Brooke Graham, Caleb Gullledge, Preston Hards, Allison Haw, Shane Heddy, Jacob Helzer, Alayna Hilgendorf, Morgan Hitchcock, Gabriel Hodge, Spencer Holland, Victoria Hopkins, Clancy Hopper, Derek Humphrey, Ben Jared, Chris Jared, Joe Johnston, Megan Jones, Roman Jones, Mariah Kage, David Kaniecki, Austin King, Briana Kloeckner, Morgan Lewis, Ashley Liggett, Jacob Madrigal, Mallory Markwardt, Luke Martin, Nicole Martinbianco, Jordann McDermitt, Chelsie McLaughlin, Katlin McNally, Keagan McQueen, Kalee McQuillan, Aaron Meinburg, Ben Meinburg, Alex Meyer, Andrew J. Miller, Leticia Miranda, Raven Mitchell, Caleb Mulholland, Phillip Nanasy, Alexis Nelson, Matthew Nicolai, Haley Novak, Macy O'Brien, Taylor Orr, Emma Osterholzer, Rachel Paris, Conrad Parker, Emily Parker, Brandon Pasco, Chanel Phillips, Jennifer Phillips, Christian Pumphrey, Hailey Ramoie, Tyler Ramoie, Jason Raske, Ashley Rayner, Jasmyn Reed, Halley Reek, Joseph Renner, Logan Richards, Alexandria Rivera, Jacob Robart, Shelby Roesner, David Rohrbeck, Clinton Rooker, Grant Rooker, Patrick Rooker, Dominic Russ, Grace Russell, Hillary Rutherford, Michaela Ryan, Nickolas Schmidt, Tara Schneider, Jenna Simmons, Edward Sinclair, Andrew W. Smith, Aubri Smith, Summer Stefanko, Gabrielle Stephens, Carter Stoddard, Chloe Summers, Dominic Sutermeister, Rachel Swanson, Peyton Thiel, Joe Thwing, Jestin Tigue, Sean Traynor, Kory Tucker, Drew Vandeputte, Sarah Wagner, Michael Walker, Casey Wangler, Matt Wangler, Riley Webb, Dillon Welliver, Brooke Wood, Emily Zoromski and Austin Zudel.**

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State champion Girls' Bowling Team recognized

The Girls' Bowling Team was recognized for its success this season. The girls ended the season as Division I Team State Champions. The team includes Heather Baur, Sydney Brown, Brooklyn Greene, Ashley Griffin, Myranda Livingston, Jennifer Phillips, Kailee Tubbs and Brooke Wood as well as Coaches Andy Torok, Jeremy Wood and Tracy Greene.

All State Athletes, Coaches honored

Left to right, Coach Andy Torok, Coach Dick MacLachlan and athletes Brooke Wood, Andrea Richards, Kolbie Brow, Gerald Henderson and Patrick Rooker were among athletes recognized for individual achievement as All State Athletes.



Board recognizes Student Representatives

Board President Kathleen Sudia and Superintendent Eric Lieske present Board of Education Student Representatives Matthew McAuliffe and Joseph Kennedy with plaques, recognizing their service. Joseph, a senior, has served on the board the past two years. Matthew, a junior, will serve on the board again next year.

