

Board Briefs

District earns “Pacesetter Award” for energy savings

The District was recognized Monday night for reaching a 29 percent cost savings since beginning its energy education program three years ago.

Mike Bitar, Regional President with Cenergistic, (formerly called Energy Education) presented the district with the company’s Pacesetter award for avoiding energy costs totaling \$833,783.

The energy savings is due largely to the efforts of custodians who vigilantly regulate climate controls and staff who shut down computers and close window shades nightly, turn lights off when not in use and follow other energy conservation procedures recommended by Energy Specialist **Eric Chorley**.

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Left to right: Jimmy Bass (DHS PM Head Custodian), Susie Droscha (Hahn Custodian), Tom Masters (Siple Head Custodian), Dave Bond (Maintenance), Joe Francis (Hill Head Custodian) and Jim Ridings (DHS Custodian) join Director of Operations Phil Thom, Energy Specialist Eric Chorley, Superintendent Eric Lieske and Board President Kathy Sudia in accepting the Pacesetter Award from Cenergistic Regional President Mike Bitar.

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



Board supports Area Recreation Plan

Board members approved a resolution supporting the Davison Area Recreation Plan. The plan, recently revised by the city of Davison, Davison Township, Richfield Township and the school district, provides additional opportunities to the community for grants and aligns the community’s recreation needs.

Board approves budget revision

Board members approved a budget revision Monday night. The revision incorporates updated student enrollment data as well as known and anticipated changes in funding.

Board approves “Best Practices” Resolution

The district meets seven of the nine “Best Practices” as determined by the state, enabling the district to receive a \$50 per pupil incentive. “Best practices” include obtaining competitive bids for non-instructional services, participating in Schools of Choice and offering online courses.

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Action Items

Donations accepted

The following donations were gratefully accepted by the Board of Education:

- Davison resident **Don Parker**, in memory of his wife Doris Parker, donated drawing and painting books and canvasses to the Davison High School Art Department for art students' use.
- The **Davison McDonalds** donated \$245 to the Davison High School Class of 2015. This money was collected through a sponsored fundraising event where McDonalds donated a portion of the proceeds received during breakfast sales on Oct. 3.
- **Davison Eagle Riders #3589** donated \$250 to the Davison Schools Cardinals Care Account. The money will be used to help sponsor families in need through the Holiday Assistance Program.
- Davison parent **Stacy Rhines** designed and created a metal art piece of a reader holding a book on a milk can and donated it to Hahn Intermediate and Davison Middle School for a visual art display in the media center.
- **Jen Bellot, Pyper Alpern, Eric Caudell, Brie Clark, Marisa Linn, Elizabeth Hammond, Paul and Jill Porter, Sarah, Linda and Pete Patrick, Josh Heddy and Marilyn Alvey** donated \$745 to the Cardinals Care Fund to be used in the district's gifted program. The donation was provided in memory of Sandra Owen, who worked tirelessly to help establish the gifted program. Mrs. Owen's two daughters graduated from Davison High School (1995, 1997) and her husband, Len, served as a former school board member.
- **Dr. Harold Steinman** of Eyecare Associates in Davison donated \$50 to the Prescription Drug Task Force to help support awareness efforts in preventing the student misuse of prescription and other drugs.
- Board Secretary **Karen Conover** donated 12 sleds to Hill Elementary School for students to use during recess time.



Leading the Pledge

Siple Elementary Kids Hope mentors and students led the Pledge of Allegiance at the December Board of Education meeting. The students were accompanied by Principal Christy Flowers.

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"You can't save \$833,000 without a huge effort from a lot of people," said **Phil Thom**, Director of Operations. "Our custodians were obviously those folks on the main line and were really instrumental in the savings by shutting down climate control systems, turning off lights and even cleaning areas without lights."

Thom credited District Maintenance employee **Dave Bond** for his work in programming each building—and sometimes each classroom—for the proper climate control to fit with energy savings guidelines.

"I would really like to thank the support of the custodians," added Chorley, who has served as the district's Energy Specialist since the program began 40 months ago. "In the beginning, there was a lot of change on a lot of people's parts but now it's like we are running on auto pilot. You drive by buildings (at night) now and they're quiet and dark."