

# Board Briefs



## District recognized for energy conservation efforts, savings

Davison Community Schools was recognized for energy conservation efforts that have resulted in a savings of more than \$400,000 over two years.

Mike Bitar, Regional President of Cenergistic (formerly Energy Education) presented district Energy Specialist **Eric Chorley** with an Environmental Excellence Award for outstanding environmental and financial resource stewardship. The district continues to focus on improving energy efficient behavior.

“This is much more than going in and telling folks that they need to turn the lights off,” Bitar said. “It’s about creating a process that will sustain you long after the four years we’re going to be active with your people on the ground.”

The district has a four-year contract with Cenergistic, which shares in the district’s energy savings. The company, however, will continue to work with the district once the contract expires as long as it continues to employ an energy specialist.

“We have been working with some districts in the state who have been out of contract with us for 10 years,” Bitar said.

Chorley said the district has reduced its energy consumption by 19.4 percent in natural gas and electricity. That amounts to enough reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to take 516 cars off the road for one year or plant 73,500 trees for 10 years.

“We’re not only doing our part but being good stewards of the planet,” Chorley said.

Chorley credited district custodians and Director of Operations **Phil Thom** for ensuring the program’s success as well as school staff who have adopted new habits such as turning off lights and fans when leaving a room.

“These numbers are good but we want to make sure we are putting the pedal to the metal and looking for even more opportunities to save,” Chorley said.

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



### Batey earns certification

Board members congratulated **Wade Batey** for earning Transportation Director Certification from the Michigan School Business Officials Association. Batey, has served as the district’s Transportation Supervisor since November 2010. He previously worked as a bus driver.

### Board accepts donations

The following contributions have been gratefully accepted by the Board:

- The **Davison Area Youth Safety (D.A.Y.S) Committee** secured more than \$3,300 in donations to sponsor its annual bicycle helmet fitting program for the district’s kindergarten students. Each student was provided with a free, fitted bicycle helmet.
- Cardinals Nest Caregiver **Sabrina Graves** donated an LG 24-inch flat screen computer monitor to the Cardinal’s Nest for use in the 4-year-old preschool classroom.

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# Presentations



## **Board recognizes Teacher Cadets and their Supervising Teachers**

This year, 13 students participated in the Teacher Cadet program. The class offers internships with teachers throughout the district to give students practical experience in the classroom. “This made me realize that (teaching) is something I would really like to do,” said senior Kerry Sanford, who before the program had planned to pursue a career in the medical field. Left to right, front row, Sarah Taipalus, Morgan Hitchcock, Winona Briggs, Cassie McGregor, Kerry Sanford and Gates Elementary Teacher Mrs. Christian Bush; back row, Hill Elementary Teachers Miss Suzanne Richards and Mrs. Linda Strine, Central Elementary Teacher Mrs. Chelsea Long and Gates Elementary Teacher Miss Jaynie Ciosek.



## **Leading the Pledge**

*Siple Elementary STAR flag raisers, bus buddies and student council members led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at Monday night’s Board of Education meeting.*