## THE DALLAS POST

## LLAS SD Mentor program adopted

**By JON O'CONNELL Times Leader Correspondent** 

School Board President Catherine Wega called it a great part of the school district's curriculum, referring to a grade-encompassing career awareness program to begin in October, school officials say

The Dallas School Board on Sept. 17 adopted the Pennsylvania Department of Education's career mentoring program as part of the district's curriculum. Career mentoring is a part of the recommended K-12 career awareness from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

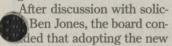
The program is based on area business professionals volunteering as mentors to work with students, giving them early exposure to what they might find upon entering the work force.

The program is to be implemented into the district's curriculum in three phases, with the first two conducted inhouse. Volunteers are to speak during assemblies and career fairs will allow students to explore the area's business opportunities on their own.

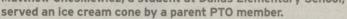
At voting time, board mem-Fred Parry asked about ground checks as the program's phase three has students leaving the campus for job shadowing.

He expressed concern and voted against the program because the district does not have a current policy addressing this career awareness program's volunteers, nothing requiring them to undergo criminal background checks before interacting with students.

He said he was most concerned with the job-shadowing element.









Dallas Elementary School PTO members Amy Schappert, left, and Lisa Langan serve ice cream cones to students. The group annually treats the students during their first week of school.

## **DES** students all scream for **ICE CREAM**

he Dallas Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization continued its annual tradition by hosting an ice cream party at the school during the first week of classes.

Lauren Hurst smacks her lips clean after an ice cream treat served by the Dallas Elementary School PTO. The group traditionally serves ice cream to the entire student body during the first week of classes.



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### LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Board approves drivers, staffs activities

## **By MEGAN SCHNEIDER**

year by approving drivers and of earned income taxes, one of reports. ensuring extra-curricular ac- the final statistics needed to tivities are sufficiently staffed. complete the reports.

update will be available in the Lake-Lehman School Board next 30 days. At this time, the

The board approved 38 bus The board approved Capital and van drivers, as well as 16 Reserve disbursements in the approved Nancy Edkins as to advertise for a 4.5 hour cus- Cronin in Math and Linda Van substitute drivers and six van amount of \$144,624.05 unani- head swim coach with a sti- todian, approved the appoint- Orden in Social Studies with a board treasurer, said more van appointment of Brian Gorski director with a stipend of worker and appointed Molly tenure and issue professional contractors should be elimi- as head baseball coach with a \$2,145.15. stipend of \$4,254.81 for the The board authorized the teacher associate to begin at It was noted that financial upcoming season. They also human resources department Lehman-Jackson Elementary. See DRIVERS, Page 7

reports for the district are due It was noted that financial reports for the district are due on mschneider@mydallaspost.com on Oct. 31 and that a complete Oct. 31 and that a complete update will be available in the next 30 days. At this time, the district is unsure of its share of earned settled into the new academic district is unsure of its share income taxes, one of the final statistics needed to complete the

The board also rescinded the appointment of Kimberly Ayers as a personal care assistant for the 2012-2013 year.

The following elementary department heads were approved: Carrie McDonald in Language Arts, Donna Richards in Science, Richard Members voted 7-2 on the glas Piazza as assistant band High School food service The board moved to grant Company, of Shavertown, as a employee contracts to Kim-

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program to the curriculum is the first step.

Board member Maureen Matiska said school policy and curriculum are two separate items and do not need to be considered in the same vote.

contractors for the 2012-2013 mously. school year. Andrew Salko, nated for next year.

pend of \$3,620.36 and Dou- ment of a new Junior-Senior stipend of \$1,523.02 each.

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tured an appearance by the Penn State Nittany Lion, fire truck rides by the Dallas Fire Department, an open mic competition with local performers of all ages and a petting zoo presented by Blue Chip Farms. Children flocked to see white rabbits, ducks, chickens and Wilbur the 8-month-old pot-belly pig that was available for adoption.

The elected winner of the Kiss the Pig fundraiser was Dallas Middle School Principal Dr. Tom Duffy, who puckered up to Wilbur in the afternoon.

The Dallas School District was well represented as seniors Madeline Mulhern and Courtney Sickel volunteered at a booth to gather organ and tissue donation sign-ups and the Dallas High School varsity cheerleadstage.

Families gathered their children around the Whistle Pig he said. Pumpkin Patch stand for pumpkin decorating fun. Chase Susko, for next year's celebration, the of Dallas, sat with his wife and committee is pleased with this young daughter while they deco- year's attendance and is already rated a pumpkin. "It seems like working on improving the event there's more people this year," for next year.

With vendors on a waiting list

RIGHT PHOTO: Abby Mitchell, 6, of Noxen, left, pets an albino ny as Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge volunteer Maci Iddings, Tunkhannock holds him.

FAR RIGHT PHOTO: Two-year-old Christopher Harding, of Shavertown, applies a sticker to his pumpkin at the Dallas Harvest Festival.



ers performed on the main Luzerne County Judge Jennifer Rogers does the Chicken Dance on stage at the Dallas Harvest Festival.





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Jovanni Piccolotti, 6, of Dallas, left, assists Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus clowns Cherie, right, and Dave with their juggling act at the Dallas Harvest Festival.

