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April 1, 2024

Board honors Meredith Stewart with Distinguished Service award

The Board honored Meredith Stewart, a receptionist at Blue Valley Southwest High School, with the Distinguished Service award. Stewart has been in the district 17 years.

Board honors Rachael Eisenmenger with Excellence in Education award

The Board honored Rachael Eisenmenger with the Excellence in Education award. Eisenmenger is a kindergarten teacher at Harmony Elementary School and has been in the district seven years.

Board hears district updates from Superintendent

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The Board heard district updates from Superintendent, Dr. Tonya Merrigan. The updates include details about Blue Valley's KC Superstar semifinalists, student and educator achievements and upcoming district events. You can view all of this month's updates in [Dr. Merrigan's presentation](#).

Board hears Special Education presentation

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The Board heard a [special education presentation](#) from Dr. Mark Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education. The presentation included information on the district's special education numbers and the various support services available.

Board approves ELA resource

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The Board approved the purchase of curriculum resources from Amplify Education. The \$929,987 purchase includes teacher editions and digital access for middle school ELA teachers. The resource also supports literacy goals for middle school students.

Board approves 2025-26 calendar

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The Board approved the 2025-26 school year calendar. The calendar was created with feedback from staff and families. Highlights of the calendar include a week-long Thanksgiving Break and

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the school year coming to an end prior to Memorial Day. The calendar is available on [the district website](#).

Significant dates included in the proposed 2025-26 school calendar:

- First day of school - Aug. 13
- Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 24-28
- Winter Recess- Dec. 22-Jan. 5
- Spring Break - March 16-20
- HS only finals - May 20-22
- Last day of school
 - May 21 for Early Childhood
 - May 22 for grades K-11 (1/2 day)
- Memorial Day - May 25

Board approves the recommendation for the nonresident student enrollment for the 2024-25 school year

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The Board approved the recommendation for the nonresident student enrollment for the 2024-25 school year. The decision follows the approval of [Policy 3122](#), which addresses open enrollment and the state required acceptance of out of district students for any identified open seats in the district. Blue Valley Southwest High School and Aspen Grove Elementary are the only Blue Valley schools with open seats that also meet the recommended pupil-to-teacher ratio. More information about nonresident student enrollment can be found on the [district website](#).



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