

# Board Briefs

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

*Education Beyond Expectations*

Jan. 9, 2023

## **Board recognizes Misty Dimitt and Matt Christensen**

The board recognized Misty Dimitt, 1st-grade teacher at Liberty View Elementary, and Matt Christensen, social studies teacher at Blue Valley Southwest, who were selected as Blue Valley's candidates for the Kansas Master Teacher Award. The program recognizes teachers across the state who have served the profession long and well and exemplify the qualities of an outstanding teacher.

## **Board honors Elyssa Gavin**

The board recognized Elyssa Gavin, English Speakers of Other Languages teacher at Oxford Middle, who became a National Board Certified Teacher. This is a challenging and esteemed accomplishment and is considered the most respected professional certification available in education.

## **Board honors Austin Neighbors and Jennifer Smith**

The board recognized Austin Neighbors, district-wide groundskeeper, with the Distinguished Service Award. The Board also honored Jennifer Smith, Instructional Design Coach at Oxford and Overland Trail Middle Schools, with the Excellence in Education Award.

## **Celebration of National School Board month**

The month of January is recognized across the nation as School Board Recognition Month. The Blue Valley Southwest High School Senior Quartet came to perform live for the board.

## **Board approves high school course proposals; Blue Valley Academy specific**

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The Board voted to approve course proposals for the Blue Valley Academy during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic year. The courses added include: Small Engine and Powertrains I, Small Engine and Powertrains II, Engine Mechanical Repair, and Work Experience in Transportation.

## **Board hears Bond 2023 update**

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The board received a Bond 2023 update from Kyle Hayden, deputy superintendent. Hayden informed the board of communication used to inform patrons about the bond election. Visit

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[www.bluevalleyk12.org/bond](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/bond) for more information or listen to the recorded portion of the meeting with the link above.

## **Board approves moving the election of Board Officers**

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The board voted to move the 2023 Board Officers election at the regularly scheduled board meeting in January to the regularly scheduled board meeting in June.

A [video recording](#) of the live-streamed meeting is available for viewing on the [Blue Valley Board of Education YouTube channel](#).



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