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November 13, 2023

Board honors Lisa Weafer and Abby Jones

The Board honored Lisa Weafer, a SPED Early Childhood Para at Hilltop Learning Center, with the Distinguished Service Award. Weafer has been in the district for 26 years. The Board also honored Abby Jones, a Library Media Specialist at Mission Trail Elementary, with the Excellence in Education Award. Jones has been in the district for 16 years.

Board recognizes Jessica Quiason

The Board recognized Jessica Quiason, a gifted teacher at Oxford Middle, after she received the 2023 Gifted Advocacy in Teaching award from the Kansas Association for the Gifted, Talented and Creative. Quiason has worked at Oxford Middle since 2015. This award is given annually to an educator, parent, or community organization that has demonstrated exceptional support for gifted students or families, or gifted education as a whole.

Board recognizes American Education Week

The Board recognized American Education Week, a dedicated celebration honoring educators, families, and communities, committed to supporting public education and providing the best learning opportunities for students. Board president, Jodie Dietz read a proclamation to begin the week and recognize the impact these groups have had on the district.

Board holds public hearing for nonresident enrollment and transfer policies

The Board held a public hearing for the proposed nonresident enrollment and transfer policies. At the hearing, stakeholders had the opportunity to provide input. [View the presentation](#) shared at the hearing to learn more about the details of the nonresident enrollment and transfer policies. The Board is scheduled to vote on these policies on December 11.

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 the latest BVUnmuted podcast, several athletic and academic accomplishments, and how the district honored veterans this month. You can view all November updates in [Dr. Merrigan's presentation](#).

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Board approves Chinese Immersion Task Force recommendation

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The Board approved the Chinese Immersion Task Force recommendation for the Chinese Immersion program. The recommendation includes a transition of the program to one site, introduction of a bi-lingual Instructional Design Team position for support, and capping the program enrollment at 54 students per grade level. To learn more about the approved recommendation, you can [view the proposal](#).

Board approves updated graduation requirements

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The Board approved changes to graduation requirements beginning with the class of 2028. The proposal does not make changes to Blue Valley's current 24 credit requirement to graduate but does include additions of communications, STEM, and financial literacy course requirements. To learn more about the changes, [view the proposal](#).

Board hears 2024-2025 high school course proposals

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The Board heard a proposal from Kelly Ott, Executive Director Academic Services, regarding updates to 2024-25 high school courses. Updates include changes to course descriptions and course titles. To view the full list of modified courses, you can [view the presentation](#).



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