

# Board Briefs

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## Board recognizes Polly Blair

The board recognized Polly Blair, visual arts teacher at Wolf Springs Elementary, who was named the 2022-23 Outstanding Elementary Art Educator of the Year by the Kansas Art Education Association.

## Board recognizes CAPS Network

The board recognized the Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) Network on being named one of only 10 organizations from the United States that made the 2023 HundrED Global Collection. The Global Collection recognizes and highlights only 100 innovations from around the world.

## Board honors Kaci Brutto

The board recognized Kaci Brutto, director of communications, who was named the 2022 Distinguished Service Award Winner by the Kansas School Public Relations Association.

## Board honors Julie Metcalfe and Bill Baker

The board recognized Julie Metcalfe, Access House job coach at Blue Valley Academy, with the Distinguished Service Award. The Board also honored Bill Baker, social studies teacher at Lakewood Middle, with the Excellence in Education Award.

## Board hears 2023-2024 high school course proposals

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The board heard from Kelly Ott, executive director of curriculum, instruction and innovation, on five high school course proposals for the 2023-2024 school year. The board will formally vote on the five high school course proposals at the Dec. 12 board of education meeting. [Visit BoardDocs](#) or listen to the recorded portion of the meeting above for more information.

## Board reviews potential names for Elementary #24

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The board heard from Dr. Gretchen Anderson, Elementary 24 principal, on school updates, the community's hopes and dreams, the parent advisory committee, the school naming process and the presentation of school name options. The parent advisory committee and Dr. Anderson presented three school names for the board to consider. Those names include Aspen Grove,

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Aspen View and Woodland Trails. The board will formally vote on Elementary 24's school name at the December 12 board meeting.

## Board receives Bond 2023 update

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The board received a Bond 2023 update from Kyle Hayden, deputy superintendent. Hayden informed the board of 71 Bond 2023 presentations across schools to engage with patrons, planned projects and other facts about Bond 2023. Visit [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 reviews policy 5470

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The board reviewed a proposed amendment to policy 5470: Forms of payment by patrons. The proposed amendment would align with current district offerings, eliminating paying through e-check, Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit or electronic payments made via the Internet (using secure internet sockets). The proposed amendment to policy 5470 will officially go to vote at the December 12 board of education meeting. The proposed amendment can be found [on BoardDocs](#).

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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