

# Board Briefs

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

*Education Beyond Expectations*

December 12, 2022

## Board recognizes students who earned perfect ACT score in June, July and September testing

The board recognized students who earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT in June, July and September testing. 12 students throughout the district earned a perfect score including **Luke Chen** – 12th, Blue Valley North; **David Mick** – 12th, Blue Valley Southwest; **Harvin Sandhu** – 12th, Blue Valley Southwest; **Parker Toman** – 12th, Blue Valley Southwest; **Shishir Vargheese** – 12th, Blue Valley West; **Edward Jiang** – 11th, Blue Valley High; **Eric Seo** – 11th, Blue Valley West; **Eric Garretson** – 12th, Blue Valley North; **Nancy Pei** – 12th, Blue Valley High; **Jonathan Subramanian** – 12th, Blue Valley North; **Mofei Wang** – 12th, Blue Valley Northwest; **Kayoko Thornton** – 12th, Blue Valley North.

## Board honors Sid Khongmaly and Min Zhang

The board recognized Sid Khongmaly, custodian at Oxford Middle, with the Distinguished Service Award. The Board also honored Min Zhang, Chinese teacher at Blue Valley North, with the Excellence in Education Award.

## District earns highest opinion in annual audit report

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The Board heard from an officer of Allen, Gibbs & Houlik who completed Blue Valley's 2021-2022 audit. The district received an unmodified opinion on the audit, which is the highest and best opinion a school district can receive. For more information on Blue Valley's budget and financial documents, please [visit the District's finance page](#).

## Board hears annual enrollment report

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The board heard from Erik Pollom, assistant director of planning and operations, on this year's enrollment and the enrollment outlook for the next five years. Pollom reported this year's official enrollment is 21,759 students. For more information on this year's enrollment and the five-year projections, watch the video linked above from the board meeting.

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## Board officially names Elementary 24: Aspen Grove Elementary

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The board voted on three names chosen by Elementary 24's parent advisory committee for the newest school in the district. The names voted on were Aspen Grove Elementary, Woodland Trails Elementary, and Aspen View Elementary. The board officially chose the name Aspen Grove Elementary (AGE) for the school, set to open in August 2023. For more information on Aspen Grove Elementary, visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org/AGE](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/AGE).

## Board approves the legislative positions for the 2023 legislative session

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The Board voted to approve legislative positions for the 2023 Legislative Session. The district endorses:

- Measures and appropriate funding levels that encourage all school districts to pursue exemplary, and not just merely proficient, educational and well-being outcomes for their students.
- School finance policies that allow greater opportunities for local control.
- School finance policies that allow greater opportunities for increased funding levels in
- higher-cost areas

Blue Valley's legislative positions include:

- Fully Fund Special Education
- Apply At-Risk Funding to Defined Student Measures
- Cost of Living Authority
- Enhance Student Mental Health
- Oppose Tax Credits and Vouchers for Private Schools

For more information [visit the district website](#).

## Board receives Bond 2023 update

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

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