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Education Beyond Expectations

April 10, 2023

Board honors Friends of Education recipients

For more than 20 years, Blue Valley has recognized people or organizations in the community who have made outstanding contributions to public education. This group is known as Friends of Education. The 2023 recipients included: Father's Club, Village Shalom, John Constant of Epic Landscape Productions LC and "Jinkies! Coffee and Hangout". For more information on why these organizations were honored as Friends of Education, [visit the district website](#).

Board honors Lisa Miller and Edie Jolly

The board recognized Lisa Miller, administrative assistant at Blue Valley North, with the Distinguished Service Award. The Board also honored Edie Jolly, counselor at Leawood Elementary, with the Excellence in Education Award.

Board receives Blue Valley Recreation Center update

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The Board heard from Clay Norkey, Chairman, and Shane Dewald, Executive Director, of the Blue Valley Recreation Center. Dewald informed the Board of all the events at the Blue Valley Recreation Center and planning for future endeavors. For more information on the BVRC, [visit the district website](#).

Board hears Facility Planning Committee report

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The board received a Facility Planning Committee update from Kyle Hayden, deputy superintendent. Hayden informed the board of the committee's purpose: to examine school enrollment and capacity, and when necessary, explore boundary alternatives and recommend options for changes to the Board of Education.

Hayden presented tools for enrollment adjustments, current proposed boundary adjustments and the next steps for the committee. Visit the [board advisory committees page](#) for more information or listen to the recorded portion of the meeting with the link above.

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Board receives transportation update

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The board heard from Kyle Hayden, deputy superintendent, about transportation updates. Hayden presented the Durham staffing 2022-23 recap, student transportation efforts and results, and a student transportation policy change recommendation.

The student transportation policy change recommendation that was presented is “Discontinuing a Payrider program in ‘23-24 for MS/HS students residing between 1.5-2.49 miles, which eliminates 10 routes and closes the labor gap to better serve those we’re required to transport.” When considering changes to bus eligibility, the district wants to give advance notice to families and adjust bus registration to avoid collecting fees from those who are no longer eligible. No action was taken at the April board meeting. A recommendation will be presented at the May board meeting.

Board receives legislative update

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The Board received an update from superintendent Dr. Tonya Merrigan on the 2023 legislative session, including an overview of key dates, the district’s priority level positions and testimony submitted by the district for various bills. Patrons can review the district’s legislative positions and read the district’s testimony on [Blue Valley’s legislative web page](#).

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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