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June 13, 2022

Board celebrates Gladys Hernandez

The Board celebrated Gladys Hernandez, custodian at CAPS, who was selected as the 2022 Tenant Company's "Custodians Are Key" grand prize winner. Out of over 1,000 nominations across the country, Gladys stood out for the tremendous work she does and her dedication to Blue Valley CAPS.

Board honors semifinalists and winner of the Presidential Scholar award

Two Blue Valley students, Evanna Dominic and Younggi Moon, were named semifinalists and one student, Jordin Mackenzie, was named a finalist for the Presidential Scholar award this school year. The Presidential Scholar award recognizes the nation's most distinguished high school seniors for their academic success, artistic excellence, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. It is recognized as one of the nation's most prestigious awards for high school students.

Board hears presentation on updated curriculum documents

The Board heard from Jennifer Luzenske, director of curriculum and instruction, on updated curriculum documents for consideration. Luzenske highlighted the revision/writing process and process timeline. The subjects with updated curriculum to consider include science, mathematics, social studies, career and technical education, Career-Ready programming, world language and English language arts. The Board will take action on proposed curriculum documents at the July meeting. For more information on Blue Valley curriculum and instruction [visit the district website](#).

Board hears school safety presentation

The Board of Education heard from Dan Carney, director of safety and security, on Blue Valley's approach toward safe schools. Carney spotlighted the amazing work our campus officers and SRO's do in the schools. At the heart of the district's safety efforts is a philosophy that focuses on prevention and healthy, trusted adult-student relationships. Blue Valley's campus police officers and school resource officers (SROs) focus on building these relationships within their school communities to provide safe environments. To learn more about Blue Valley safety and security [visit the district website](#).

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Board approves restated and amended superintendent contract.

The Board approved Dr. Merrigan's superintendent contract, which extends her duties through June 30, 2025. Dr. Merrigan is a skilled educational leader with more than 30 years in education that began as a math teacher. Merrigan assumed the role of Blue Valley Schools Superintendent in the summer of 2020, making her the eighth Blue Valley superintendent and the first female superintendent in district history.

Board appoints patrons to Finance and Operations Board Advisory Committee

The Board voted to appoint applicants to their respective Board Advisory Committees. To learn more about Board Advisory Committees and to apply, [visit our district website](#).

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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