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Education Beyond Expectations

June 16, 2021

Board recognizes JoAnn Blakely and John Rodgers

The Board recognized **JoAnn Blakely**, Food Service Supervisor, with the Distinguished Service Award and **John Rodgers**, Center for Advanced Professional Studies Digital Design and Photography Instructor, with the Excellence in Education Award.

Board receives an update from the diversity, equity and inclusion board advisory committee

The board received an update from Dr. Katie Collier, Dr. Kelly Wessel and Adam Wade on diversity, equity, and inclusion in Blue Valley. The group presented student's voices, data, and recommendations on behalf of the advisory committee. To view these recommendations and to learn more about this advisory committee visit the [District's website](#).

Board receives a safety and security update

The Board received an update from Dan Carney, Director of Safety and Security, where he emphasized the importance of relationships when it comes to school safety, physical security updates in the schools, safety in the flexible learning environments, and future plans for threat assessment training.

Board votes to extend Dr. Merrigan's Superintendent contract by one year

The Board voted to extend the current Superintendent contract of Dr. Tonya Merrigan by one year. The previous contract was set to expire June 30, 2023. The restated and amended contract will now expire June 30, 2024. There are no other major substantive changes to the contract other than the extended date.

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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