

SEAC MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 16, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM

Meeting called to order by: Jen Crable

BV REC PLANS FOR SPECIAL POPS (SHANE DEWALD)

Shane DeWald, Executive Director of Blue Valley Recreation Center, reported that plans are in the works for the east ball field. They would like to make this a location for special populations. They are looking for input from the SEAC Committee/community for an all-inclusive playground and other ways to make this space all-inclusive for families of students with special needs.

Committee Feedback

- Please use fencing around the playground.
- There are not enough adaptive activities/sports for children who are under 8 years old.
- There is a need for adaptive activities for when students age out of Blue Valley. The Special Olympics is available, but sometimes uncomfortable due to the wide age span of participants.
- There is a need for children who are high functioning, but special needs who take medication that often causes obesity. Could BV Rec provide a trainer who could help these kids be active and healthy?

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES—STATE AND DISTRICT (MARK SCHMIDT)

State Updates

Tax Package

- Approved bipartisan proposal. It is a larger reduction than what the Governor was on record supporting, as it will have an estimated shortfall in 5 years. This is without fully funding SPED and other initiatives, such as Medicare expansion.
- Education Funding: The first conference committee bill was rejected and sent back to the conference committee before they took a 3-week recess. While the new committee report (4/3/2024) hasn't been published, it tentatively includes the following:

- Establish Base Education Aid = \$528M.
- Add \$75M total new money for SPED.
- Requires districts to transfer some LOB funds to SPED, but not count this as part of the state's 92% (unclear how this would work in practice).
- Repeal the Special Education Funding Task Force and establish the Education Funding Task Force.

Lawmakers return on 4/25/224, and we are cautiously optimistic.

District Updates

2024-25 Improvements

- Adding 2 LIFT classrooms: OTE and VPE
- Opening new SEL program at BRE
- Adding 15 staff members due to a growth in SPED population

SnapIT Solutions Tech Accelerator

SnapIT Solutions Tech Accelerator is a proprietary technology training model that includes professional and technical skills development, mentoring, and on-the-job experience as well as an opportunity for apprenticeship which prepares students to launch a career in technology.

This program was created to provide professional training for those seeking alternative pathways into the workforce or a desire not to attend college immediately following high school graduation, and to expose students to an actual tech work environment.

A document with more information is attached to this agenda.

SEAC COMMITTEE UPDATES (JEN CRABLE)

Ability Showcase—April 26th

Bike Camp—June 3-7

~Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm~

NEXT MEETING

September 17, 2024 | 11:30 am

District Office | High Plains Conference Room