
Board Briefs

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Education Beyond Expectations

October 11, 2021

District earns highest opinion in annual audit report

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

Board receives COVID-19 prevention update

Dr. Mark Schmidt, assistant superintendent of special education, provided the Board with updates on COVID-19. Dr. Schmidt presented COVID-19 dashboard numbers, noting the total number of positive cases and quarantines in the district continue to drop. His presentation also included COVID-19 testing options and opportunities, including a new voluntary testing option for students and families through MAWD which is slated to begin in November. For more information on Blue Valley's COVID-19 policy and voluntary testing options, [please visit the district's COVID-19 page](#).

Board reviews Policy 4600 and 4610

Dr. Tonya Merrigan, superintendent, provided insight and reviewed policy 4600 and 4610 with the Board. Policy 4600 discusses how Blue Valley selects resources for learning. This includes textbooks, library acquisitions and ancillary materials for classroom use and more. Policy 4610 covers challenges to and reconsiderations of learning resources. Dr. Merrigan discussed the review committee's role and the procedure for challenges to learning resources. For more information on policies, [please visit the district's Board of Education page](#).

Board appoints patrons to Board Advisory Committees

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

Board honors principals during National Principals Month

The Board invited a group of principals in the district to be honored for National Principals Month. Tyson Ostroski, Diana Tate, Stacey Sperry, Laura LaHue, Deborah Kelly, and Kendall Burr represented their principal colleagues.

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Board honors food service staff during National School Lunch Week

The Board was joined by several of Blue Valley's food and nutrition staff in the schools and at the district. The week of October 11 is recognized as National School Lunch Week. The Board thanked the staff in attendance, and staff across the district, for their hard work and dedication to serving Blue Valley students.

Board recognizes Regina Alderton and Lori Farrington

The Board recognized **Regina Alderton**, Blue Valley North custodian, with the Distinguished Service Award and **Lori Farrington**, Prairie Star Elementary special education teacher, with the Excellence in Education Award.

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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