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BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Education Beyond Expectations

Nov. 12, 2018

Board recognizes Blue Valley Friends of Education

The Blue Valley Board of Education honored its 2018 Friends of Education. This award is presented annually to recognize organizations or individuals who have played a critical role in contributing toward leadership or quality in education. The 2018 Friends of Education include:

- **School District Volunteer** – [Pat Bittinger](#)
- **Community Leaders** – [Representative Dr. Joy Koesten and Representative Patty Markley](#)
- **Community/Civic Organization** – [BV Well](#)
- **Public/Private Institutions** – Diagnostic Imaging Centers, P.A.

**Diagnostic Imaging Centers, P.A. will be honored at the December 2018 Board of Education meeting.*

Board honors David Cordell and Monica Symes

David Cordell, Leawood Middle social studies teacher, was honored for receiving the Kansas Council for Social Studies Judy Cromwell Excellence in Education Teaching Award. **Monica Symes**, Blue Valley Northwest school psychologist, was honored for receiving the 2018 Kansas School Psychologist of the Year Award from the Kansas Association of School Psychologists.

Board honors Mason McMurphy, Ron Waisner, Bonnie Burnside and Molly Haggerty

Mason McMurphy, high school stadium grounds keeper, and **Ron Waisner**, operations and maintenance inventory controller, were honored with the Distinguished Service Award. **Bonnie Burnside**, Cottonwood Point Elementary counselor, and **Molly Haggerty**, Blue Valley Northwest health teacher, were honored with the Excellence in Education Award.

Board approves American Education Week proclamation

The Board read and approved a proclamation declaring Nov. 12-16 as the 97th annual observance of American Education Week. This is a week dedicated to celebrating public education and all staff members who contribute to the support of students and quality education.

Course Description Guide changes proposed

Kelly Ott, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation, introduced proposed Course Description Guide changes to the Board for consideration for the 2019-20 school year. The Board will be asked to approve these changes at next month's meeting.



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2020-21 school calendar proposed

Tonya Merrigan, deputy superintendent, introduced the proposed 2020-21 school calendar. The calendar is available for review on [Blue Valley's website](#). Comments can be sent via email to bvinfo@bluevalleyk12.org. The board will vote on the 2020-21 calendar at the January meeting.

Board receives legislative positions

The Board received the 2019 Legislative Positions. These legislative positions will help guide the district's advocacy for education during the 2019 session. The Board will formally vote to approve the positions in December.

Board approves bidding authorization

The Board approved bidding authorization for the 2019 Valley Park Elementary Classroom Addition and the 2019 Summer Flooring Packages A and B.



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