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Feb. 11, 2019

Board honors Lunsford, Waldo, Black and Mason

Jill Lunsford, administrative assistant at Sunset Ridge Elementary, and **Dianne Waldo**, administrative assistant at Blue Valley Northwest, were honored with the Distinguished Service Award. **Paula Black**, math teacher at Lakewood Middle, and **Ann Mason**, interrelated resource teacher at Heartland Elementary, were honored with the Excellence in Education Award.

Board conducts public hearing

The Board conducted a public hearing to determine whether the district will use a Construction Manager at Risk for Elementary School #24.

Board approves bidding authorization and construction contracts

The Board approved a bidding authorization for the 2019 District-wide Envelope Package B. The Board also approved construction contracts for six roofing projects.

Board approves proposed boundary changes

The Board approved proposed boundary changes for the Oxford Estates and Oxford Court neighborhoods. This will change the boundary for these neighborhoods from the Timber Creek Elementary attendance area to the Morse Elementary area. This boundary change was thoroughly investigated by the district's facility planning committee, including input from the community.

Board approves land exchange terms agreement

The Board approved the agreement for an equitable land exchange agreement with Day3 Development, LLC for a parcel of land north of Morse Elementary. The agreement also includes a payment to the district for the difference of the land value.

Board receives proposed policy revisions

Dr. Mike Slagle, deputy superintendent, introduced revisions to two policies, including Policy 3522: Emergency Safety Interventions and Policy 4340: Academic Credits. The Board will vote on the recommended policy revisions at the March meeting.

Board receives unconscious bias training update

Dr. Kelly Wessel, director of professional learning, presented an update on the unconscious bias training for the district's administrative team. Led by Nicole Price of Lively Paradox, this training builds awareness of unconscious bias and an understanding of its impact, develops an understanding of how intrapersonal prejudices can lead to interpersonal discrimination, and



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strengthens leadership and coaching skills. The district is currently developing a plan to expand this training district-wide, with coaches and sponsors as the next priority.

Board votes on changes to the 2018-19 calendar due to inclement weather closures

Blue Valley must add instructional minutes to the school day in order to put the district in the best position to meet state requirements and end the school year by Memorial Day, assuming no additional school cancellations due to inclement weather. The Board voted to change April 22 from a professional learning day to a school day. In addition to changing April 22 to a school day, the district will also add minutes to the school day beginning Feb. 25. School hours beginning Feb. 25 are as follows:

- High school: 7:40 a.m. - 2:55 p.m. (late arrival 8:55 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.)
- Middle school: 7:41 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.
- Elementary school: 8:35 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

While the district is making adjustments now to address the unprecedented number of inclement weather days, the last day of school will not be announced until after Spring Break.



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