

Board Briefs

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Education Beyond Expectations

May 13, 2019

Board recognizes Scholastic and Shooting Stars Award Winners

The Board recognized four students for receiving 2019 National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and/or 2019 Shooting Stars scholarships, including:

- **April Ma:** Blue Valley West – Scholastic Art & Writing – Silver Medal, Poetry
- **Alice Wu:** Blue Valley North – Scholastic Art & Writing – Silver Medal, Journalism and Shooting Stars Scholarship – *Venezuelan Crisis Hits Close to Kansas City*
- **Elianna Oliver:** Blue Valley Southwest – Shooting Stars Scholarship – Photography
- **Allison Park:** Blue Valley Northwest – Shooting Stars Scholarship – 2D Art

Board honors Addington, Ortman, Schuster and Huss

Andrew Addington, assistant principal at Pleasant Ridge Middle, and **Matt Ortman**, assistant principal and athletic director at Blue Valley High, were honored for being named the KIAAA Middle School Athletic Director of the Year and overall KIAAA Athletic Director of the Year for the state of Kansas respectively. **Ann Schuster**, Valley Park Elementary librarian, was honored for receiving the Vision Award from the Kansas Association of School Librarians. **Michelle Huss**, Blue Valley High journalism adviser, was honored for receiving the Jackie Engle Award.

Board honors Corral, Mushlin and Anctil

Andy Corral, day custodian at Sunset Ridge Elementary, and **Okki Mushlin**, evening custodian at Harmony Middle, were honored with the Distinguished Service Award. **Charlotte Anctil**, 6th grade math teacher at Oxford Middle, was honored with the Excellence in Education Award.

Board conducts public hearing

The Board conducted a public hearing regarding the recommendation of an alternative construction delivery method - Construction Manager at Risk. Following the public hearing, the board voted to approve the Construction Manager at Risk construction delivery method.

Board approves curriculum recommendations

The Board approved several curriculum recommendations at the elementary, middle and high school levels. All curriculum recommendations were developed by teams of teachers.

Board approves changes to the 2019-20 school year calendar

The Board approved two changes to the 2019-20 school year calendar including:

- **Nov. 7, 2019:** Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 was changed to a late start day district-wide. This day will serve as a trial run for a delayed start option in the event of inclement weather and will provide the district an opportunity to test all logistical components of a district-wide delayed start.
- **April 3, 2020:** Kindergarten Round-Up was moved from April 10, 2020 to April 3, 2020.



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