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April 14, 2025

Board honors Distinguished Service award recipients

The Board honored three Distinguished Service Award recipients:

- The Board honored February's recipient, Sharon Adams, a para at Valley Park Elementary, who has been in the district for 15 years.
- The Board honored March's recipient, Jeff Hayes, a kitchen manager at Harmony Middle School, who has been in the district for 28 years.
- The Board honored April's recipient, Cheryl Rooney, an admin assistant at Indian Valley Elementary School, who has been in the district for 21 years.

Board honors Excellence in Education award recipients

The Board honored two Excellence in Education award recipients:

- The Board honored March's recipient, Janice Stark, a fourth grade teacher from Stanley Elementary, who has been in the district for 14 years.
- The Board honored April's recipient, Diana Campbell, a third grade teacher at Stilwell Elementary, who has been in the district for 18 years.

Board honors Jim McCrossen with Lifetime Achievement Award

The Board honored Jim McCrossen, journalism instructor and publications advisor at Blue Valley Northwest, for being named a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient by the Journalism Education Association. McCrossen also received the Marilyn Weaver Scholastic Journalism Award from Ball State University. The awards recognize his significant contributions to scholastic journalism.

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Board honors National High Spirit of Sport Award recipient

The Board honored Jack Punswick, a senior at Blue Valley West, for being named the 2025 National High School Spirit of Sport Award recipient by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). Punswick is a member of the Blue Valley West swim team. In September of 2024, Punswick was diagnosed with Stage II Hodgkin Lymphoma but continued to train and compete throughout the season with cancer, qualifying for state and taking second place.

Board honors the 2025 McDonald's All-American

The Board honored Jaliya Davis, a senior at Blue Valley North, for being named a co-winner of the DiRenna Award. This award is given to the top female basketball player in the Kansas City metro. Davis was also selected as a 2025 McDonald's All-American, as one of 12 representatives who played for the All-American East team in New York City.

Board hears district updates from Superintendent

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The Board heard district updates from Superintendent Dr. Tonya Merrigan. The updates included recent student and staff accomplishments. You can view all of this month's updates in [Dr. Merrigan's presentation](#).

Board approves the Straub Construction Company, Inc. contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [Straub Construction Company, Inc.](#)

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that will provide a new auxiliary gymnasium and storm shelter at Blue Valley Southwest.

Board approves US Food, Inc. contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [US Foods, Inc.](#) that will provide a market basket of the most commonly ordered food items at a case and fee basis.

Board approves Envision Technology Group contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [Envision Technology Group](#) that will support the ITS district summer data projects and paging projects at Blue Valley Middle and Blue Valley West.

Board approves C&C Produce contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [C&C Produce](#) that will provide produce for food and nutrition services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Board approves Centegix contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [Centegix](#) that will be a mid-term renewal of the existing 5-year contract that will upgrade the current Crisis Alert system to the latest platform.

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Board approves eduCLIMBER contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [eduCLIMBER](#) that will serve as an intervention and data dashboard tool for educators and students.

Board approves Fastbridge contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [Fastbridge](#) that will provide dyslexia screening exams for middle school and high school students and provide a reading exam at the elementary level that measures how well students are putting the pieces of structured literacy together.

Board approves the Xello contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [Xello](#) that will provide tools and resources to maintain the Individual Plan of Studies (IPS) for each student necessary for the district's accreditation process.

Board approves nonresident student enrollment for 2025-26

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The Board approved the recommendation for the nonresident student enrollment for the 2025-26 school year. The decision follows the approval of [Policy 3122](#), which addresses open enrollment and the state required acceptance of out of district students for any identified open seats in the district. Aspen Grove Elementary is the only Blue Valley school with open seats that also meet the recommended pupil-to-teacher ratio. More information about nonresident student enrollment can be found on the [district website](#).

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Board approves policy 2281

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The Board approved new [policy 2281](#) with added administrative guidelines to follow at May's meeting. The policy prohibits any person 18 or older who is registered on the Kansas Public Offender Registry from attending any school district property or to attend any school-sponsored activity, event or program except for those adults who are current Blue Valley students.

Board introduces policy 3611.2

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The Board heard proposed revisions to [policy 3611.2](#). The revisions include adding Albuterol as an emergency use medication, expanding the availability of nasal naloxone to all schools and reorganizing and adding language from a recent KASB policy recommendation. To provide feedback and read more on the policy, visit the district's [policy review webpage](#).

Board provides Board of Education Committees updates

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The Board provided an update on the Board of Education Committees. The Board is currently looking at restructuring and consolidating the committees but will still be accepting applications for the Finance and Operations committee.

Board provides legislative update

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The Board heard legislative updates from Superintendent Dr. Tonya Merrigan. The Board received an update on the 2025 legislative session. The update

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includes updates to bills and legislature post-legislative sessions. Visit the district's [legislative web page](#) to read these updates, learn about Blue Valley's priority positions, contact information for state representatives and more.