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May 12, 2025

Board honors Judy Troester

The Board honored Judy Troester, an administrative assistant for academic services at the district office, who has served in the district for 25 years.

Board honors Jennifer Freestone

The Board honored Jennifer Freestone, a counselor at Blue Valley Academy, who has served in the district for 12 years.

Board honors Shooting Star recipients

The Shooting Stars program celebrates student artists with recognition and college scholarships. The Board honored four Blue Valley students who were selected as first and second-place recipients:

- ☒ Siena Masilionis, Blue Valley North
- ☒ Sebastian Gonzalez-Layton, Blue Valley North
- ☒ Katie Mueller, Blue Valley High
- ☒ Ivanka Joshi, Blue Valley West

Board honors Gavin Spake

The Board honored Gavin Spake, the district's Wilderness Science Center coordinator, for being named the 2025 recipient of the Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education award, presented by the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Educations (KACEE). Spake has served in the district for 21 years and has been an integral part of the Wilderness Science Center.

Board honors Grace Kwak

The Board honored Grace Kwak, Blue Valley North freshman, for receiving a

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Gold medal and American Voices medal from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. This awards program, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, is the country's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for students.

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. View this month's updates in [Dr. Merrigan's presentation](#).

Board approves the Delta Innovative Services, Inc. contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [Delta Innovative Services Inc.](#) to provide roof repair work at 46 district buildings.

Board approves ImageQuest contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [ImageQuest](#) to continue the copier and smart laser program for Blue Valley Schools.

Board approves Apple, Inc. contract

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The Board approved an agreement with [Apple, Inc.](#) to support the iPad project for K-12 library media centers, K-5 staff, middle school staff and high school

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staff.

Board hears curriculum proposals

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The Board heard curriculum draft proposals from Kelly June, Executive Director of Academic Services. During the presentation, June explained the process of creating curriculum, highlighted classes and prepared the Board for approval in June. View this information in [June's presentation](#).

Board approves the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan

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The Board approved the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan after hearing a presentation from Dr. Tonya Merrigan. The presentation highlighted the planning process and the core values and priorities for the 2025–2030 strategic plan. View this information and more in the [Strategic Plan presentation](#).

Board hears proposed updates to Policy 6343

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The Board heard proposed updates to Policy 6343, regarding staff electronic communication. The updates clarify that staff communication with students must occur only through district-sanctioned platforms and applications. View the [proposed policy](#) for more information.

Board hears proposed updates to Policy 6344

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The Board heard proposed updates to Policy 6344, regarding staff electronic communication. The updates clarify staff expectations and requirements

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when communicating electronically with students. View the [proposed policy](#) for more information.