BOE DEI Advisory Committee 10.10.24

Members Present: Jodie Dietz, Minal Wedel, Caroline Chaboo, Nefertari KB Pross, Courtney Carlson, Kristi Dixon, Scott Roberts, Angela Mosby, Dr. Sonya Evans, Lindsay Weiss, Wendy Connelly

Minutes: Scott Roberts welcomed the committee members and introduced several guests representing special education: Dr. Mark Schmidt, Kaci Beichley, Erica Warren, Jenny Perdieu, Julie Armistead, Katie Morrison. The group of teachers, administrators, and an alumni student presented a variety of topics about how the Blue Valley school district includes students with disabilities in the school community. Those topics included: the legal responsibilities for educating students with disabilities, the numbers of students with IEPs, district philosophy around inclusion, transition from school to the community, employment opportunities in schools, the 18-21 program, the Blue Valley Food Pantry, GEAR, involvement in clubs and activities, peer mentoring, the Connections classes, Special Olympics and Unified Sports.

After the presentation, committee members asked questions of the guests.