

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Board Advisory Committee

Special Education Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2025, District Office High Plains Room

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Asquith, Sarah Betlach, April Eagan, Ashley Enz, Lauren Gore, Ashleigh Hipp, Heather Jenkins, Lezlie John, Jamie Katz, Kristen Leaming, Hope Lind, Margaret Maes, Jackie Malec, Tiffany McCalla, Mari McGraw, Katie Meierhenry, Chris Payne, Jennie Perdieu, Deanna Rouen, Erika Sheets, Susan Taylor, Megan Thompson, Erica Warren, Fred Wingert, Kathy Weldon (clerk)

WELCOME – AMIE BYBEE AND JEN CRABLE

OPENING REMARKS/SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF INTRODUCTIONS – DR. MARK SCHMIDT

“A rising tide lifts all boats” – Focus on continuous improvement across all areas with SEAC parent input.

Purpose of SEAC:

- Ensure representation at each building
- Provide parent support within the community
- Serve as a resource for parents
- Give back through donations

SOAR SPECIAL NEEDS PRESENTATION – DR. HUNSLEY

Mission: Educate community about life with uniquely abled children.

Key concerns:

- Long-term care for children and families.
- Supporting adult independence (jobs, housing, benefits).

Programs & Supports:

- Subsidized disability day camp
- Respite care (3-hour relief for caregivers)
- Social clubs for adults/teens.
- Online caregiver support & “911” monthly info updates

Events & Fundraisers:

- Corvette community event, fashion show, sensory trunk-or-treat, sensory Santa, Christmas Blessing (adopt-a-family)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (DISTRICT/STATE) – DR. MARK SCHMIDT

- Special Education legislative funding updates and proposed changes

INCLUSIVE RECREATION CLASS PROGRAMMING – JAMI KATZ

- Jami presented upcoming opportunities to attend inclusive community opportunities

OPEN FORUM

SEAC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Blue Valley Special Needs Ability Showcase – March 6, 2026 (April Eagan & Jennie Davis).
- Blue Valley Special Needs Resource Fair – March 31, 2026 (Heather Jenkins)

NEXT MEETING

November 18, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.



Special Education Advisory Council

September 16, 2025



welcome

Amie Bybee & Jen Crable
SEAC Co-Chairs



Common Good

Dr. Mark Schmidt



Partnering for Students with Disabilities

Amie Bybee



<https://soarspecialneeds.org/>



What does it mean to be a rep?

Amie Bybee & Jen Crable





Who Do I Call in Special Education? Quick Guide

Mark Schmidt

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for SPED

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- Special Education—All Programs
- Gifted Education
- Early Childhood Special Education
- GEAR/18-21 Programming
- School Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Special Education Advisory Council
- Student Services BoE Committee
- Student Health Services—Nurses
- Parents as Teachers

Jennie Perdieu

Director of Special Education

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- **Elementary** Special Education
- Interim **Secondary** Special Education

BVSW	ABMS	PRMS
BVW	LKMS	WSMS
BVA	K-12 GEAR	18-21
- ES, MS, HS Consultants
- BCBA Leadership & Supervision
- Assistive Technology (EC-21)
- Transition Specialists
- Private School
- Out of District Placements (MS, HS)
- Supported Employment, CDOP
- Food Pantry

Ashley Enz

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- **Secondary** Special Education

BVHS	BVN	BVNW
BVMS	LMS	HMS
PSMS	OTMS	OMS
- Secondary Consultants
- School Psychologists (EC-21)
- Speech Language Pathologists (EC-21, Learning)
- Social Workers (EC-21, Schmidt)
- Private School (MS, HS)
- Out of District Placement (MS, HS)



Kristin Asquith

Special Education Administrator

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- Gifted & Twice-Exceptional (K-12)
- Audiologists (EC-21)
- Occupational Therapists (K-21)
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing (EC-21)
- Visually Impaired (EC-21)
- Physical Therapists (EC-21)
- Music Therapists (EC-21)
- BV Parent Advocates for Gifted Ed
- MIS Data
- Section 504
- Synergy SE (Disability, Gifted, RSP)
- Projections & Enrollment (EC-21)
- SPED Transportation (K-12)

Lauren Gore

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- **Elementary** Special Education

CPE	OHE	STIL
HES	PSE	SPE
HRT	STAN	TCE
IVE	WSE	
- Elementary Consultants
- Adaptive PE (EC-21)
- BCBA Leadership & Supervision
- CPI Training & Ukeru
- ESI Training & Compliance
- ESOL Collaboration & Alt KELPA
- Extended School Year (EC-21)
- Out of District Placement (ES)

Kristen Leaming

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- **Elementary** Special Education

AGE	LES	MOR
BRE	LVE	OTE
CHE	MTE	SRE
LKE		VPE
- Elementary Consultants
- Speech Pathologists (EC-21, Enz)
- Structured Literacy
- Limited Residency Licensure
- Para Professional Learning
- Para PL Hours & Reimbursement
- Out of District Placements (EC)
- SPED Canvas Management



Kendall Burr

Principal of Early Childhood Services

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- Early Childhood Special Education
- EC Satellites: STAN, SRE, TCE, WSE

Erica Warren

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- GEAR
- 18-21 Special Education Programming
- Project SEARCH



District & Legislative Update



Lola Kernell will speak to IR students and peer tutors about self-advocacy.

SEPTEMBER 16

CDDO will be presenting

NOVEMBER

**Sara Beren from JCCC will be
addressing IRR families**

FEBRUARY

**Either Whole Person or KCDD
will be presenting**



**Transition
Tuesdays**

Committee Updates

Blue Valley Special Needs Resource Fair

March 31, 2026

Heather Jenkins



Blue Valley Special Needs Ability Showcase

March 6, 2026

April Eagan & Jennie Davis



Blue Valley SEAC Healthy Living Community Opportunities

Jami Katz



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Thank you!

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