

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Board Advisory Committee

Special Education Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024, District Office High Plains Room

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Maura Anderson, Kristin Asquith, Amy Beau, Sarah Betlach, Kendall Burr, Amie Bybee, Amy Cady, Jen Crable, Crystal Danko, Jennie Davis, April Eagan, Ashley Enz, Hannah Dickerson, Ashleigh Hipp, Heather Jenkins, Jamie Katz, Michele Kelly, Kristen Leaming, Hope Lind, Margaret Maes, Courtney Martinez, Mari McGraw, Katie Meierhenry, Kristin Myers-Trysla, Jennifer Nowak, Chris Payne, Jennie Perdieu, Carrie Rahfaldt, Mark Schmidt, Erika Sheets, Susan Taylor, Megan Thompson, Amy Tillery, Lora Walker, Erica Warren, Fred Wingert, Christine Woods, Kathy Weldon (clerk)

DISTRICT UPDATE – MARK SCHMIDT

Champions of Learning stats

KANSAS COUNCIL OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (KCDD) AND ABLE UPDATES

Guest Speakers:

- SARA HART WEIR (Executive Director – KCDD) sara@kcdd.org
- LOLA KERNELL (Advocacy Coordinator – KCDD) lola@kcdd.org

KCDD Overview: KCDD empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), families and caregivers to lead systems change, build capacity, and advocate for inclusive, integrated, accessible communities where everyone belongs and thrives throughout Kansas. KCDD's purpose is to support people of all ages with developmental disabilities so they have the opportunity to make choices regarding both their participation in society and their quality of life.

KCDD Key Strategic Priorities:

- Promoting advocacy for Kansans with IDD across the lifespan

- Systems change and innovative programs for the Kansas IDD community
- Leadership and advocacy

Kansas ABLE Accounts: A financial tool that allows people with disabilities to have an account for both short-term spending and long-term savings. The account can be used for housing, health and wellness, assistive technology, education, job coaching, and disability supports. [Link to website](#)

SEAC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Parent Support Night - New date TBD
- Resource Fair - Wednesday, February 19, 2025
- Ability Showcase - Friday, May 2, 2025
- BVEV Special Education Grants - Susan Tideman

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, District Office High Plains Room

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.