BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Blue Valley Unified School District No. 229

Annual Organizational Board of Education Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2026, 5:30pm

Board of Education Room, District Office, 15020 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66223

A. OPENING ITEMS.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
Presented by Kaci Brutto, Chief Communications Officer

Officer Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Recitation of the Blue Valley Mission Statement.
Presented by Kaci Brutto, Chief Communications Officer

Mission: Cultivating lifelong learners prepared to navigate their future with purpose.

Kaci Brutto led the recitation of the Blue Valley Mission Statement.

3. Public Comments.
Presented by Board President, Jan Kessinger

There were no public comments.

B. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA.

Presented by Board President, Jan Kessinger

1. Call the Annual Organizational Meeting for the 26-27 School Year to Order.
The annual organizational meeting for the 2026-2027 school year is required by Kansas statutes. During this meeting, the Board of Education will address statutory requirements for designations, appointments, and adoption of resolutions as outlined in the consent agenda.

Board President Jan Kessinger called the Blue Valley Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting for the 2026-2027 school year to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Approve the Annual Organizational Board of Education Meeting Agenda.

I move that the Board of Education approve the July 20, 2026, Annual Organizational Board of Education meeting agenda as published. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Absent

Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. CONSENT AGENDA.
Presented by Board President, Jan Kessinger

1. Approve the Consent Agenda.
Board President, Jan Kessinger
Our rules of Parliamentary Procedure provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Board members and the public in advance to ensure an extensive review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member.

As this is the Board's ***annual organizational meeting****, this consent agenda also includes the designation of official roles, appointment of required positions, and adoption of resolutions necessary for the 2026–2027 school year in accordance with Kansas statutory requirements.*

I move that the Board of Education approve the July 20, 2026, Annual Organizational Board of Education Meeting consent agenda as published with minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Clay Norkey, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Absent
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. **Approve the Meeting Minutes.**
   Meeting minutes shall be considered draft until formally approved by the Board of Education.

   The Board of Education approved the prior meeting minutes.

3. **Approve the Cash Summary and Investment Report.**

   The Board of Education approved the Cash Summary and Investment Report.

4. **Approve the Bids and Contracts.**
   Bids and contracts may not be available until the day of the Board meeting. All agreements and contracts are subject to the final approval by the Board of Education's attorney.

   The Board of Education approved the Bids and Contracts.

5. **Approve the Human Resources Personnel Report and the Addendum.**
   The Human Resources Personnel Report and Addendum may not be available until the day of the Board meeting.

   The Board of Education approved the Human Resources Report and HR Addendum.

6. **Approve the Claims Report, the Disbursement Report, and the Special Fund Transfers.**

   The Board of Education approved the Claims Report, the Distribution Report, and the Special Transfers.

7. **Approve the agreement with E.K.**

   The Board of Education approved the agreement with E.K.

8. **Designate the Board Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.**
   Designate Anna Sweeney as Board Clerk.
   Designate Jeremy McFadden as Treasurer.
   Designate Deb Moore as Assistant Treasurer.

   The Board of Education designated Anna Sweeney as Board Clerk,
   Jeremy McFadden as Treasurer, and Deb Moore as Assistant Treasurer.

9. **Designate the official district newspaper for publication of school notices for the 2026-27 school year.**
   Designate the Johnson County Post as the official district newspaper for publication of school notices for the 2026-27 school year.

   The Board of Education designated the Johnson County Post as the official district newspaper for publication of school notices for the 2026-27 school year.

10. **Designate the Food Service Representative.**
    Designate Angie Vest as the Food Service Representative.

    The Board of Education designated Angie Vest as the Food Service Representative.

11. **Designate the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Representatives.**

Designate the following individuals as the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Representatives:

Kathy Florio
Diane Willey
Randy Woodruff
Katie Mitchum
Eileen McDaniel
Susan Fowler
Kelly Wessel
Julie Hill
Dr. Eric Punswick

The Board of Education approved the designation of the listed individuals as the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Representatives.

12. Designate the Attendance Compliance Officers and Reporting Agents.
Designate the following individuals as the Attendance Compliance Officers and Reporting Agents:

Scott Roberts
Shelly Nielsen
Amy Farthing
Dr. Lisa Gruman
Dr. Tyson Ostroski
Chris Legleiter

The Board of Education approved the designation of the listed individuals as the Attendance Compliance Officers and Reporting Agents.

13. Designate the District's Compliance Coordinator for Title II, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and other equity-related matters.
Designate Melissa Hillman as the District's Compliance Coordinator for Title II, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and other equity-related matters.

The Board of Education designated Melissa Hillman as the District's Compliance Coordinator for Title II, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and other equity-related matters.

14. Designate the Freedom of Information Officer.
Designate Melissa Hillman, Jake Slobodnik, Shelly Nielsen, and Kaci Brutto as the Freedom of Information Officers.

The Board of Education approved the designation of the listed individuals as the Freedom of Information Officers.

15. **Designate the Americans with Disabilities Act Representatives.**
Designate the following individuals as the Americans with Disabilities Act Representatives:

ADA ACCOMMODATION: Dr. Jessica Meisenheimer
ADA COORDINATOR: Melissa Hillman
ADA EDUCATION: Dr. Jessica Meisenheimer
ADA EMPLOYEE: Dr. Eric Punswick
ADA FACILITIES: Jake Slobodnik
ADA REPORT: Adam Wade

The Board of Education approved the designation of the listed individuals as the Americans with Disabilities Act Representatives.

16. **Designate the official depositories for district funds and review authorized bank signatures on file.**

The Board of Education designated the official depositories for district funds and authorized bank signatures for review.

17. **Designate the McKinney-Vento Coordinator.**
Designate Dr. Mindy Wells as the McKinney-Vento Coordinator.

The Board of Education designated Dr. Mindy Wells as the McKinney-Vento Coordinator.

18. **Designate the Overseer of Title I Part A.**
Designate Kim Barney as the Overseer of Title I Part A.

The Board of Education designated Kim Barney as the Overseer of Title I Part A.

19. **Designate the Point of Contact for Child Welfare Agencies.**
Designate Dr. Mindy Wells and Dr. Jessica Meisenheimer as the Point of Contact for Child Welfare Agencies.

The Board of Education designated Dr. Mindy Wells and Dr. Jessica Meisenheimer as the Point of Contact for Child Welfare Agencies.

20. **Adopt the Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Petty Cash Funds and Limits.**

The Board of Education Adopted the Resolution Authorizing Establishment of Petty Cash Funds and Limits.

21. **Adopt the School Term Resolution establishing 1,116 instructional hours.**

The Board of Education adopted the School Term Resolution establishing 1,116 instructional hours.

22. **Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Activity Funds.**

The Board of Education adopted the Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Activity Funds.

23. **Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Use of Home-Rule Powers.**

    The Board of Education adopted the Resolution Authorizing the Use of Home-Rule Powers.

24. **Adopt the Resolution for the Destruction of Records.**

    The Board of Education adopted the Resolution for the Destruction of Records.

25. **Approve the Mileage Rates, Meals, and Incidentals.**

    The Board of Education approved the Mileage Rates, Meals, and Incidentals.

26. **Approve the Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate.**

    The Board of Education approved the Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate.

27. **Approve the Capital Asset Policy.**

    The Board of Education approved the Capital Asset Policy.

28. **Approve Renaming the Community Board Advisory Committee to the Community & Communications Board Advisory Committee.**

    The Board of Education will consider approval of a name change for the Community Board Advisory Committee to the **Community & Communications Board Advisory Committee**.

    The Board of Education approved renaming the Community Board Advisory Committee to the Community & Communications Board Advisory Committee.

29. **Appoint members to serve on the Board's Advisory Committees.**

    Community & Communications Board Advisory Committee Two-Year Term Appointments:

    Taryn Thomas
    Robin Kingeter
    Spencer Cope
    Christi Pribula
    Anna Custer-Singh
    Jessica Tavelli
    Molly Reardon
    Jerry Hobbs
    Renee Meares
    Harshvardhan Barve
    Matthew Lind
    Allison Willson
    Colleen Cunningham
    Maggie Padek Kalman

Activities & Academics Board Advisory Committee Two-Year Term Appointments:
Stefanie Anderson
Setareh Applebaum
Chaithanya Etikala
Matt Wachel

The Board of Education approved the recommended appointments to serve on the Board's Advisory Committees.

30. **Appoint the in-house counsel and authorize the Superintendent to designate outside legal counsel as needed.**
    Appoint Melissa Hillman as in-house counsel.

    Outside legal counsel (Lathrop Gage and Spencer Fane) or others may be designated by the Superintendent as necessary

    The Board of Education appointed Melissa Hillman to serve as the in-house counsel and authorized the Superintendent to designate outside legal counsel (Lathrop Gage and Spencer Fane) or other counsel as needed.

31. **Appoint hearing panel members to serve as hearing officers for student suspension and expulsion appeals for the 2026–2027 school year.**
    Appoint the following individuals to serve as:

    District Hearing Officers:
    Dr. Gillian Chapman
    Kelly June

    Hearing Panel Members:
    Dr. Steve Heinauer
    Matt Ortman
    Kim Barney
    Adam Wessel
    Adam Wade
    Jennifer Luzenske
    Dr. Ashley Enz
    Adam Lundine

    The Board of Education appointed the recommended individuals listed above as district hearing officers and hearing panel members to serve as the Board's hearing officers for student suspension and expulsion appeals for the 2026–2027 school year.

32. **Appoint the CAPS Network Board of Directors.**
    Appoint Dr. Gillian Chapman to the CAPS Network Board of Directors to expire in July 2027.

The Board of Education appointed Dr. Gillian Chapman to the CAPS Network Board of Directors to expire in July 2027.

33. Rescission of Prior Board Policies.
The Board previously approved the adoption of the KASB Policy Manual, effective July 1, 2026. This item provides for the formal rescission of all existing Board policies to eliminate duplication and ensure the KASB policy manual serves as the District's governing policy framework.

1000 Board of Education
2000 Community
3000 Students
4000 Curriculum   Instruction
5000 Administration
6000 Personnel

View the final policy manual here.

The Board of Education rescinded the prior Board Policies.

D. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.

1. Board of Education Reports.
Presented by Board member, Dr. Sonya Evans
Finance & Operations Board Advisory Committee

Board Member Dr. Sonya Evans read the minutes of the Finance & Operations Board Advisory Committee meeting.

2. Superintendent's Report.
Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Dr. Gillian Chapman provided the July 2026 Celebrations.

3. Strategic Plan Update 2025-2026.

The Superintendent's Cabinet reported the Strategic Plan Update to the Board of Education.

E. ACTION ITEMS.

1. Approve the Blue Valley Recreation Center Proposed Budget Mill/Levy.
Presented by Shane DeWald, Executive Director of Blue Valley Recreation Center.

I move that the Board of Education approve the Blue Valley Recreation Center Proposed Budget Mill/Levy with minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Clay Norkey, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Absent
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Nay
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

2. **Appoint Northeastern Blue Valley Recreation Commissioner.**
   Presented by Gina Knapp
   Appoint Natalie Bergman as the Northeastern Commissioner to the Blue Valley Recreation Center for a four-year term, commencing October 1, 2026, and concluding September 30, 2030.

   I move that the Board of Education appoint Natalie Bergman as the Northeastern Commissioner to the Blue Valley Recreation Center for a four-year term, commencing October 1, 2026, and concluding September 30, 2030. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Absent
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Nay
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

3. **Approve the KASB June 2026 Policy Updates.**
   Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools
   The recommendation is to approve the KASB June 2026 policy updates with the exception of the IDAD plan, which is reviewed and updated annually through the District's established review process.

I move that the Board of Education approve the KASB June 2026 policy updates, including any minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel, with the exception of the IDAD Plan, which is reviewed and updated annually through the District's established review process. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Gina Knapp, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Absent
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4. **Approve the contract with World Fuel Services dba Carter Energy Corp / Diesel Direct Central LLC.**
Presented by Jeremy McFadden, CFO
Annual Fuel Delivery Bid 23034. BOE approved in June 2026. The vendor changed billing procedures and is now utilizing Diesel Direct Central.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with World Fuel Services dba Carter Energy Corp / Diesel Direct Central LLC. with minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Absent
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. **Approve the contract with Pinnacle Staffing / Syndeo Staffing Kansas City LLC / AgTac Services LLC / On Demand Employment Services.**
Presented by Jeremy McFadden, CFO
Temporary Contract Labor Bid 23037, Year 4 of 5.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Pinnacle Staffing / Syndeo Staffing Kansas City LLC / AgTac Services LLC / On Demand Employment Services with minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Clay Norkey, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Absent
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. **Approve the contract with the City of Overland Park.**
Presented by Jeremy McFadden, CFO
One-year school resource officer agreement for 2026-2027.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with the City of Overland Park with minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Clay Norkey, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Absent
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. **Approve the contract with Harvest Technology Group Inc.**
Presented by Kent Corser, Executive Director of Technology
Content360 / OnBase annual license for creation, distribution, and collection of electronic forms, automation, reporting dashboards, etc.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Harvest Technology Group Inc. with minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Absent
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

F. CLOSING ITEMS.

1. Board Comments.

- **Board Member Dietz** thanked the community members who volunteered to serve on the Board Advisory Committees and recognized their contributions to supporting district initiatives, fostering meaningful dialogue, and providing valuable community perspectives. She also recognized three student entrepreneurs from Indian Valley and Oxford Middle School, commending their initiative, leadership, and positive representation of Blue Valley students.
- **Vice President Norkey** encouraged community members to participate in the upcoming August primary election, learn about issues and candidates that impact public education, and exercise their right to vote. He also encouraged residents to review the proposed constitutional amendment and its potential implications for public school funding.

2. Adjournment.

Board President Jan Kessinger adjourned the July 20, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting at 7:03 p.m.