

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Blue Valley Unified School District No. 229

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:30 PM

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

The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Ethan Kolb, a 5th-grade student from Heartland Elementary.

2. Awards and Recognitions.

Presented by Kaci Brutto, Chief Communications Officer

Distinguished Service Award Recipient: Karen Tolar is the district's budget manager.

Excellence in Education Recipient: Elizabeth Brassfield is a 5th-grade teacher at Oak Hill Elementary.

Shooting Stars Scholarship Recipients The Arts Council of Johnson County: Hailey Tam, Blue Valley West, senior Devika Krishna, Blue Valley Southwest, senior Daniel Cheon, Blue Valley High, senior

National Scholastic Arts and Writing Award Recipients: Devika Krishna, Blue Valley Southwest, senior Daniel Cheon, Blue Valley High, senior

3. Public Comments.

Presented by Board President, Jan Kessinger

One patron addressed the Board of Education: Marcus Pouliot

B. REGULAR AGENDA.

1. Call the Regular Board of Education Meeting to Order.

Board President Jan Kessinger called the May 11, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

2. Approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting Agenda.

I move that the Board of Education approve the May 11, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting agenda as published. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Dr. Sonya Evans, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Yea

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Approve the Consent Agenda.

Presented by 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.

I move that the Board of Education approve the May 11, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting consent agenda as published with minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Dr David Benson, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Yea

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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 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.

Dr. Chapman introduced the new organized feeder pattern system:

The director of school administration for the Blue Valley High feeder system is Chris Legliter, with Jennie Perdieu as the assistant director.

The executive director of school administration for Blue Valley North is Scott Roberts, with Collette Berak as the assistant director.

The director of school administration for the Blue Valley Northwest feeder system is Dr. Lisa Gruman, with Lauren Gore as the assistant director.

The director of school administration for the Blue Valley Southwest feeder system is Dr. Tyson Ostroski, with Kristin Asquith as the assistant director.

The executive director of school administration for the Blue Valley West feeder system is Amy Farthing.

The new principal of Blue Valley Northwest High School is Brad Page.

The new principal at Aubry Bend Middle School will be Brook Ash.

The new principal at Blue Valley Academy is Dr. David Sharp.

4. Approve the Cash Summary Report.

The Board of Education approved the Cash Summary Report.

5. 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.

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The Board of Education approved the Bids and Contracts.

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.

D. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.

1. Board of Education Reports.

Presented by members of the Board of Education

Vice President Clay Norkey read the Finance and Operations meeting minutes.

Board Member Jodie Dietz read the Academics & Activities meeting minutes.

Board Member Patrick Hurley read the Community meeting minutes.

2. Superintendent's Report.

Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools

3. Bond Community Survey.

Presented by Don Lifto of The Morris Leatherman Company

4. Career and Technical Education Student Survey.

Presented by Adam Wessel, Director Career Ready Programs

Patrick Hurley left the meeting at 6:53 p.m. and returned at 6:56 p.m.

The Board President called for a five (5) minute break at 7:01 p.m. for the closed captioned. The meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

5. Review Curriculum Proposals.

Presented by Kelly June, Chief of Academic Services Officer

E. ACTION ITEMS.

1. Public Hearing on Amending the 2025-26 Budget.

Presented by Jeremy McFadden, Chief Financial Officer

Jeremy McFadden, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the process for establishing and amending the District's legal maximum budget authority. He stated that, in accordance with state statute, the notice of the 2025-26 amended budget was published in the *Kansas City Star* at least 10 days prior to the public hearing and confirmed that the proposed amendments will not impact the local mill levy.

Mr. McFadden reported that the amendments affect the General Fund, Career and Postsecondary Education Fund, and Special Liability Fund. He explained that the General Fund amendment is primarily due to increased special education transportation costs and the associated state aid reimbursement; the Career and Postsecondary Education Fund amendment is driven by declining enrollment and cash management strategies; and the Special Liability Fund amendment reflects higher-than-budgeted general liability defense claim costs.

The Board President, Jan Kessinger, opened the public hearing on the 2025-26 amended budget and invited public comment, noting a three-minute limit in accordance with Open Forum guidelines. After providing an opportunity for comment and receiving none, he declared the public hearing closed.

2. Approve the 2025-26 Amended Legal Maximum Budget.

Presented by Jeremy McFadden, Chief Financial Officer

I move that the Board of Education approve the 25-26 Amended Legal Maximum Budget as published. This motion, made by Dr David Benson and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Yea

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. Approve the Kansas Association of School Board Policy FC Memorials, Funerals, and Naming of District Facilities.

Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools

[Section F Facility Expansion Program](#) was approved at the March 9, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting with the exception of policy [FC Memorials, Funerals, and Naming of District Facilities](#).

This policy is recommended for adoption effective July 1, 2026, pending any minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel.

The [Executive Summary](#) identifies the KASB policies within each index recommended for adoption, outlines any substantive revisions, and notes the policies that are not recommended for approval.

I move that the Board of Education table the Kansas Association of School Board Policy FC Memorials, Funerals, and Naming of District Facilities. This motion, made by Clay Norkey and seconded by Dr David Benson, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. Approve the Kansas Association of School Board Policy GBO Resignation.

Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools

[Section G Personnel \(Licensed and Non-Licensed\)](#) was approved at the April 13, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting, with the exception of policy [GBO Resignation](#).

This policy is recommended for adoption effective July 1, 2026, pending any minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel.

The [Executive Summary](#) identifies the KASB policies within each index recommended for adoption, outlines any substantive revisions, and notes the policies that are not recommended for approval.

I move that the Board of Education table the Kansas Association of School Board Policy GBO Resignation. This motion, made by Dr David Benson and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 1

5. Approve Kansas Association of School Board Policy Indexes I and J.

Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools

I Instructional Program and J Students

These policies are recommended for adoption effective July 1, 2026, pending any minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel.

The Executive Summary identifies the KASB policies within each index recommended for adoption, outlines any substantive revisions, and notes the policies that are not recommended for approval.

I move that the Board of Education approve the Kansas School Board Policy Indexes I and J to take effect on July 1, 2026, pending minor edits by legal counsel. This motion, made by Patrick Hurley and seconded by Gina Knapp, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Yea

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6. Approve the Plumbing Services Request for Proposals.

Presented by Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer

I move that the Board of Education approve the Plumbing Services Request for Proposals as presented. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Patrick Hurley, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Yea

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. Approve the College Board agreement.

Presented by Kelly June, Chief of Academic Services Officer
College Board Advanced Placement Testing.

I move that the Board of Education approve the College Board agreement. This motion, made by Dr David Benson and seconded by Dr. Sonya Evans, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Yea

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

F. CLOSING ITEMS.

1. Other Matters Before the Board.

Presented by Board President, Jan Kessinger

There were none.

2. Board Comments.

Presented by Members of the Board of Education

Member Evans expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming graduation ceremonies and recognized the quality of education provided by the district, noting that several Board members have graduating seniors.

Member Knapp echoed the recognition of graduating seniors and acknowledged those not formally recognized who worked diligently to reach graduation, emphasizing that all graduates deserve celebration.

Vice President Norkey congratulated all graduating seniors, including those connected to Board members, and thanked a recent presenter for sharing information about career fairs. He also provided a reminder that summer construction projects are funded through capital funds, not classroom or teacher funds, and commented on state funding for special education.

Member Benson expressed appreciation for the administration, faculty, and staff, recognizing the consistent and positive impact of their work on students.

Member Dietz congratulated graduating seniors and emphasized the value and recognition of a Blue Valley diploma. She also referenced recent discussions with federal representatives regarding IDEA funding and expressed appreciation for increased attention to the issue.

President Kessinger congratulated graduates and encouraged students to celebrate safely.

3. Adjournment.

Presented by Board President, Jan Kessinger

Board President Jan Kessinger adjourned the May 11, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting at 7:53 p.m.