



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a special meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

The Shawnee Mission School District has been engaged in litigation stemming from the National School Walkouts that occurred on April 20, 2018. Tonight, the Board of Education approved of a tentative settlement agreement of that matter pending court approval. The District will have additional comments once the agreement is approved by the court. The Shawnee Mission School District strongly supports the rights of all students to free expression, and will continue to work with staff and students to ensure that those rights are respected and protected.

Heather Ousley, board vice president, read the following statement about the events at Highland Elementary School:

“The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education would like to recognize and thank the students, parents and staff of the Highlands Elementary School for their incredible courage, patience and cooperation during the events of Friday afternoon at their school. Additionally, the board extends their gratitude and appreciation for the men and women of the Shawnee Mission District Police Department staff and the law enforcement teams from the various local municipalities who were extremely responsive to the situation at the elementary school in which no students, staff or law enforcement were physically injured. Lastly, we thank the entire Shawnee Mission School District community for their expressions of support, assistance and understanding over the past several days.”

This publication, provided after each Shawnee Mission Board of Education meeting, provides a recap of some actions taken by the Shawnee Mission Board of Education and information about activities happening in the school district. An archive video of the meeting [can be found here](#). Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes [can be found here](#).