



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:



**Brookwood Elementary Opens** Brookwood Elementary School opened the doors to their new school building as the district returned from Spring Break. They now are enjoying many new features including collaborative learning spaces and a separate gymnasium and cafeteria with a full-service kitchen. The new Brookwood facility was funded by bond proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds that were authorized as part of the voter approved bond referendum in January 2015. We thank our community that approved the bond issue, making this significant facility improvement possible. The school will host a dedication ceremony for the school on Thursday, April 25.



**Read to Achieve** Katie Black, a social studies teacher at Horizons High School, was presented with a Read to Achieve award by the Kansas National Education Association and KCTV5. A student who graduated in December 2018 nominated Black for the award, saying she encourages students to step out of their comfort zone and is a wonderful role model and mentor. Black received a check for \$1,000 as part of her recognition.



**ExploraVision Winners** A group of second-graders at Rosehill Elementary School were recognized as honorable mention winners in a nationwide Toshiba/National Science Teacher Association ExploraVision competition. The honor places them in the top 10 percent of contest submissions from across the United States

and Canada. The second-graders created an invention to help people with severe allergy symptoms.

**Perfect ACT Scores** Recently, two Shawnee Mission School District students earned a perfect score on the ACT exam. Chase Horner, a sophomore at Shawnee Mission South High School, and Ian Gould, a junior at Shawnee Mission East High School, earned a perfect 36 score on the ACT exam. Less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a perfect score.

**Shawnee Mission All-Star** At the March 25 meeting, the Board of Education recognized the newest Shawnee Mission All-Stars. Lori O'Neal, librarian at Prairie Elementary School, and Jordan Bright, paraprofessional at Tomahawk Elementary School, were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Shawnee Mission School District. If you would like to suggest a nominee to become a Shawnee Mission All-Star, [click here to fill out a nomination form](#).

**Strategic Plan Update** Dr. Fulton provided an update on the district's strategic planning process. Most recently, Strategic Planning Action teams met to begin to form action plans that will address the strategies outlined in the [Strategic Planning overview draft document](#). [Click here to see an outline](#) of the initial steps each Action Team took at their first meeting. The Action Teams will meet in April and May, before sharing their plans to the Steering Committee on June 5, 2019. For more information on the Strategic Planning process, [click here](#).

**Food Service Update** Dr. Rick Atha, associate superintendent of organizational support and Nancy Coughenour, director of food services, provided a report on food services balances. The Board of Education approved a revision to [Board Policy EE: Food Service Management in October of 2018](#). The policy, in part, eliminated an alternate meal for students whose families are delinquent in student meal accounts. All students are served a regular lunch. Since the implementation of the policy, food service has incurred \$17,972 in negative account balances. The food service department continues to monitor the impact of this policy, which will be reviewed by the Board of Education no later than April 30, 2019. Coughenour also shared that families have multiple options for paying for school lunch. [Click here for more information](#) about making payments and the food service department. [Click here to see the report](#) presented to the Board.

**Board Policy Committee** The Board of Education approved the adoption of a board policy committee. The role of the committee will be to conduct an annual review of board policies to ensure the policies are up-to-date, support the strategic plan of the district and are in accordance with federal and state statutes. This is to be done in consultation with the superintendent and legal counsel and informed by the Kansas Association of School Boards. [Click here to view the action item](#) approved by the board.

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](#).