



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:



**School-Based Clinic Birthday** Shawnee Mission School District and Health Partnership Clinic celebrated a year of providing health services through a school-based clinic at Merriam Park Elementary School. They celebrated with an all-school birthday party at Merriam Park. This is the first school-based clinic in Johnson County. It provides healthcare, dental care, and behavioral healthcare to all Shawnee Mission students and their siblings two days a week. More information about hours of operation and how to make an appointment are available here:

<https://www.smsd.org/about/departments/health-services/health-partnership-clinic>



**State Geography Champion** Wyatt Boyd, an eighth-grader at Hocker Grove Middle School was declared state champion at the Kansas State GeoBee for the second year in a row. He was presented with a \$1,000 prize and was invited to compete in the National Championship bee, held in May in Washington, D.C. Boyd's social studies teacher is Patti Winkler.



**JSHS Champions** Shawnee Mission students demonstrated scientific strength at this year's 2019 Kansas-Nebraska-Oklahoma Regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Peyton Panovich, a Shawnee Mission West senior and Biotechnology student, earned first-place recognition, a \$2,000 scholarship, and qualified to present research at the

National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, which will be held later this month in New Mexico. Elizabeth Falkner, a Shawnee Mission East junior and Biotechnology student, was selected to present a research poster at the national symposium. Stuti Dalal, a Shawnee Mission East senior, was also named a finalist and was invited to the national symposium to moderate presentations and present her research. Miles Martin, Shawnee Mission East science teacher, was presented with The Teacher Award to honor educational excellence in STEM.



**Spotlight on Student Wellness** The Shawnee Mission School District Family and Student Services Department will be hosting a Spotlight on Student Wellness event this week. The district has partnered with several area agencies to provide resources and information to parents and

caregivers. The event will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. The event is free and open to all parents, guardians, and care providers. Attendees are asked to RSVP to reserve childcare. A link to RSVP and find out more information can be found here: <https://www.smsd.org/about/news-post/~board/district-news/post/the-shawnee-mission-school-district-hosts-student-wellness-event>.

**Statement on Finance Bill** Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton provided a statement regarding Governor Laura Kelly having recently signed SB 16, the school finance bill. The bill provides approximately \$90 million in new education funding, in order to meet the adequacy requirement of the Kansas Constitution. According to the Kansas Department of Education, when the new funding from SB 16 is combined with previously enacted funding increases, the Shawnee Mission School District can expect approximately \$9.8 million in funding to our general fund account, above what we have received this year.

Dr. Fulton shared it is important to remember that the increase we will see next year comes on the heels of a long period of inadequate funding, not just in Shawnee Mission, but across the state of Kansas. The current school funding lawsuit began in 2010, and was prompted by budget cuts

that began in 2008. Dr. Fulton said that as the district moves forward, some resources will need to be dedicated to recovering from previous shortfalls.

As discussed at previous meetings, the district anticipates approximately \$1.1 million in cuts to Title I funding and has shared changes that will be made in response to those cuts. Discussion has also taken place about items that are extremely important to the Board of Education, including the provision of social worker positions in schools, in order to support the social and emotional needs of students. There are also costs associated with new or reallocated positions, increases to health insurance, transportation and utilities, and new costs for supplies and services, which total another \$3.5 million.

More details will be presented to the Board of Education at the April 22 meeting.

**Strategic Planning Update** Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton provided an update on the Strategic Planning Process. He shared how the district's process follows a continuous improvement model. It aligns with the Kansas State Department of Education's Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) process. He also spoke about steps the district will take to collect, review, and use data to inform strategic planning at the building level. For more information about the Strategic Planning Process:

<https://www.smsd.org/about/strategic-plan-2019-overview>

**ELA Adoption** The Board of Education approved a new English Language Arts resource. Dr. Michelle Hubbard, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, and Travis Gatewood, coordinator of curriculum and instruction, provided an overview of the resource and the process of selecting this resource. This resource will provide a balance of digital and print materials, and add tens of thousands of titles to the district's literature collection. The process was informed by a pilot program and input from a group of students and teachers. The presentation can be viewed here: [https://www.boarddocs.com/ks/smsd/Board.nsf/files/BAY3TV722962/\\$file/ELA%20Resource%20Recommendation%20Board%20Presentation.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/ks/smsd/Board.nsf/files/BAY3TV722962/$file/ELA%20Resource%20Recommendation%20Board%20Presentation.pdf)

**Enrollment Update** Doug Sumner, associate superintendent of human resources, provided an update on district enrollment and staffing guidelines. He shared historical information about staffing guidelines and

the process for monitoring enrollment and determining staffing throughout the year. The report will be posted on BoardDocs:  
<https://www.boarddocs.com/ks/smsd/Board.nsf/public#>

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](#).