



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:



R&D Forum Student excellence and innovation was in the spotlight at the 57th annual Research and Development Forum. Hundreds of students presented their projects and creations from throughout the school year in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Regnier

Awards, given to students for outstanding effort, were presented to Peyton Panovich, Shawnee Mission West and Biotechnology student, for her science project related to colon cancer; Nick Angell, Shawnee Mission South senior, for a walnut dresser made from a tree that had meaning for his family; and Sam Springer, Shawnee Mission Northwest senior and Project Lead the Way Engineering student, for his rocket stabilization system project. The Shawnee Mission School District extends gratitude to the Regnier Family for ongoing support of the R&D Forum, and to all of the staff members who dedicated time to making this event possible. Click here to see a complete list of R&D Forum honorees:

<https://www.smsd.org/about/news-post/~board/district-news/post/rd-forum-shines-spotlight-on-shawnee-mission-student-excellence>



Brookwood Dedicates Facility The Brookwood Elementary School community formally dedicated their new school building. Staff, students, family members, and members of the community attended a dedication ceremony and were able to tour the building. Several sixth-grade students shared

remarks during the ceremony, expressing their gratitude for the new building and thanks to community members for their support in building the new Brookwood Elementary.



Teachers Honored for Excellence in Math Three Shawnee Mission School District teachers are now Jedel Excellence in Mathematics Education award-winners. Sarah Collins, first-grade teacher at Briarwood Elementary, Wraye Royle, math teacher at Trailridge Middle School, and Vince LaVergne,

math teacher at Shawnee Mission South, were surprised in the classroom with the news. The awards recognize those who implement innovative instructional practices and strategies to strengthen student understanding of math.



Retirement and Service Pin Ceremony The Shawnee Mission School District recently honored longtime employees for their dedication and service at the district's Retirement and Service Pin ceremony. The retirees and service pin recipients this year represented more than 3,800 years and

more than 4.5 million hours of service to students. We are grateful to all of these individuals for helping to build the bridge to unlimited possibilities our students have yet to discover.



SkillsUSA National Competitor Shawnee Mission Culinary Arts and Hospitality Signature Program students celebrated success after this year's state SkillsUSA Conference. Reis Miller, a Shawnee Mission Northwest junior, earned first-place in the culinary arts category and is now preparing to

compete at the national level. SkillsUSA offers programs, events, and competitions that support Career and Technical Education. To see a list of SkillsUSA honorees: <https://www.smsd.org/about/news-post/~board/district-news/post/shawnee-mission-students-honored-at-state-skillsusa-conference>



Perfect ACT Honorees Less than one-tenth of one percent of all students who take the ACT earn a perfect composite score, and five Shawnee Mission students recently learned they had accomplished this rare feat. Adam White, a Shawnee Mission Northwest junior, and Harvey Ji, Aislinn Kinsella, Wyatt Wimmer, and Andrew Wurst, juniors at Shawnee Mission East, all earned a perfect 36 composite score on the exam.



US News & World Report U.S. News and World Report ranked five Shawnee Mission high schools among the best in the nation. Shawnee Mission East, Shawnee Mission North, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee Mission South, and Shawnee Mission West were all ranked among the top schools in the state and nation. We are proud that our schools are ranked highly, and this is consistent with our belief that we have excellent schools here in Shawnee Mission



Graduation Week This week, The Shawnee Mission School District celebrates the high school class of 2019. Commencement ceremonies will take place over the next few nights. Those wanting to watch will be able to attend or watch livestreams of each ceremony. Links to the livestreams will be posted the day of the ceremony on the [district website](#) and the district's [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#). To all of the students, parents, and educators who have supported the class of 2019, we celebrate with you and we congratulate you on this outstanding achievement.

Shawnee Mission All-Stars At the May 13 meeting, the Board of Education recognized the newest Shawnee Mission All-Stars. Debbie Ryan, principal's secretary at Shawnee Mission West High School and Jessica Risinger, instructional coach at Comanche 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](#).

Excellence in Education Grants Kim Hinkle, executive director of the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation, and Barbara Schoell,

representing the Foundation Board of Directors and serving as Program Committee Chair, acknowledged this year's recipients of Shawnee Mission Education Foundation Excellence in Education grants. [Click here to see a list of grant recipients](#).

Strategic Plan Update The Action Teams for the Strategic Planning process met last Wednesday, May 8 to continue work on their action plans. Each team has come up with a solid draft for their Action Plan. These will be reviewed by Cabinet members on May 14. They will work to ensure that there is consistency across the action plans and no unnecessary redundancy. Work will continue through the end of the month in preparation for the June 5 meeting of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. The goal is for each strategy to have a limited number of action steps that are both doable and measurable, along with a clear and specific cost analysis. [Click here for more information](#) about the Strategic Planning Process.

Financial Report and Budget Workshop Russell Knapp, chief financial officer, presented a financial report to the board of education. [Click here](#) to view the financial report. He also presented a review of operating funds and federal funds during a budget workshop. [Click here](#) to view the budget workshop presentation.

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](#).