



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:



Shawnee Mission School District

Commencement We congratulate members of the Class of 2019 and were thrilled to celebrate the nearly 1,600 graduating seniors who received their diplomas this May. Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton thanked everyone for their time, dedication,

and effort to help each and every one of our students achieve during this past school year.



Hocker Grove JAG- Kansas Champions A group of eighth-graders from Hocker Grove earned first place at the Jobs for Americas Graduates-Kansas (JAG-K) Career Development Conference this spring. The students competed in a series of employability skills events including public

speaking, presenting a business plan, and mock job interviews. The team was coached by Ali Fisher, Jobs for America's Graduates teacher at Hocker Grove.



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

Community Conversation We were pleased to welcome state leaders as we served as a host partner for a community engagement session focused on improving early childhood systems in Kansas. Community members gathered to share

their thoughts related to how early childhood systems can be improved in

Kansas. The information collected through this session, and similar sessions across the state, will be used to help create a strategic plan for early childhood. Those interested in submitting input are invited to do so here: <http://kschildrenscabinet.org/share/>.

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITORS



Scripps National Spelling Bee This week, two Shawnee Mission School District students stepped into the spotlight on spelling's biggest stage at the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Mira McInnes, a fourth-grader from Corinth Elementary School and Ishya Bhavsar, a sixth-grader from Briarwood Elementary School, are 2019 competitors in Washington, D.C. More than 11 million spellers took part in a local bee for the opportunity to attend the Scripps Bee. These two students are among the 565 competitors who joined the national competition.

INDIAN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
2018-19 KAMSA High Performing School



Indian Hills 2019 KAMSA High Performing School Indian Hills Middle School was named a Kansas Administrators of Middle Schools Association High Performing School for 2018-19. The honor is given to recognize a school that has demonstrated growth in one of the five criteria that is part of the Kansas State Department of Education's 21st Century Accreditation Model. The award will be presented during a conference in September.



Blue Star Awards At the 17th annual Blue Star Awards, two Shawnee Mission East High School students were honored for their outstanding performances in high school productions. The Blue Star awards are given by Starlight Theatre to recognize achievement and excellence in high school musical theatre. Janie Carr was presented with a Blue Star Award for Outstanding Actress in a Lead Role for a performance as Ariel, in "Disney's The Little Mermaid. As part of this honor, Carr is invited to travel to New York City in June to participate in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards, also known as the Jimmy Awards. Aidan Connelly was

presented with a Blue Star Award for Outstanding Actor in a Featured Role, for the performance of Chef Louis in “The Little Mermaid.”



Forensics Honors Luke Bledsoe and Jet Semrick, Shawnee Mission East seniors, earned first-place in policy debate at this year’s National Catholic Forensics League Tournament. Luke Knopke, senior, and Reilly Kenney, sophomore, qualified for the semifinal round in duo interpretation. Senior Nicholas Wallenberg and sophomore Zachary Wallenberg from Shawnee Mission West advanced to the quarterfinal round and placed 16th in the nation in duo interpretation.



Summer Lunch Bunch Starting June 3, free hot lunches will be offered to all children ages 1-18 at Summer Lunch Bunch in the Shawnee Mission School District. All children are welcome to eat at Lunch Bunch and adult meals are available through a cash payment of \$4.25. The meals will be provided from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday from June 3 to July 26 at various locations. The list of locations is available on the district website and will be linked in the board recap. We thank everyone who dedicates their time and talent to making sure this option is available to children throughout the summer!

Masters Academy for Teacher Leadership Rick Doll, associate professor and executive director of the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute, thanked the Shawnee Mission School District for its ongoing partnership. He highlighted the Shawnee Mission School District/Kansas State University Masters Academy for Teacher Leadership program, which provides Shawnee Mission educators an opportunity to pursue a Master’s degree in educational leadership through Kansas State University, and congratulated the educators who completed their work in the first academy cohort.

Strategic Planning Update Dr. Mike Fulton, superintendent, provided an update on the strategic planning process thus far. Action Teams have completed their work. The results of their work will be presented to the Steering Committee for review on June 5. The Steering Committee will make its recommendations to superintendent Mike Fulton. Dr. Fulton will

review the plan, and assign the tasks associated with the plan to specific administrators to execute. Dr. Fulton will present the plan to the Board of Education for approval on June 24, 2019.

Program Evaluation Sustainability and Community Engagement Rick Atha, associate superintendent of organizational support, introduced Joan Leavens, coordinator of sustainability and community engagement, who provided an overview of the district's work in sustainability and community engagement. She spoke about the five priorities, which were identified by students (school gardens and natural areas, education, efficiency, transportation alternatives, and health and well-being), and the steps taken in the district to address those priorities. To view the presentation, visit this page:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ks/smsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BCDME75ACA75>.

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](#).