



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission Board of Education gathered for a special, virtual meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020.

**Board Policy IHF** The Board approved a resolution suspending [Board Policy IHF: Graduation Requirements](#).

This policy suspends, for students in the 2020 graduating class, the Shawnee Mission School District graduation requirements which go beyond those required by the Kansas State Department of Education. The revised policy now states: “Students must meet all standards set out in K.A.R. 91-31-35, unless otherwise modified by the Kansas State Board of Education or the Kansas State Department of Education, to qualify for graduation in May 2020.”

**Waiver Application Presentation** Dr. Michelle Hubbard, associate superintendent for leadership and learning, Dr. Rick Atha, deputy superintendent, and David A. Smith, Chief Communications Officer presented a waiver application for consideration, with support from Dr. Darren Dennis, director of curriculum, assessment and instruction, Sherry Dumolien, director of special education, Dr. John McKinney, director of student and family services, and Shelby Rebeck, director of health services.

The Board approved the waiver. Following the board’s approval, the district will submit the waiver application to the Kansas State Department of Education. State approval of the waiver, which is required of all Kansas school districts, provides needed flexibility for issues such as required attendance hours, credits for graduation, and special education.

[Click here to view the waiver application.](#)

The virtual meeting can be [viewed on demand here](#). The [complete board agenda can be found here](#).