



BOARD MEETING RECAP

During the regular Board of Education Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021, the Board of Education took action on several agenda items and heard a report from Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton.



2020-2021 Calendar Revision Dr. Darren Dennis, director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment, provided an overview of updates to the 2020-2021 academic calendar. These changes are possible because of Covid-19 flexibility provided by the Kansas State Board of Education this year.

The newly adopted calendar allows for students and staff to conclude the school year prior to Memorial Day. Graduation dates have been adjusted.

[Click here for more information regarding the changes.](#)

[Click here to see the new calendar.](#)

[Click here to see updates](#) made to the Board meeting calendar as a result of the district-wide calendar change.

The board of education reserves the right to change the school calendar to respond to emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances that affect the educational program or students' welfare.

Board Policy The Board of Education held a second reading and approved the following policy:

[Approval of New Board Policy ACA: School Mascots](#)

Legislative Platform The Board of Education approved the Shawnee Mission School District's 2021 Legislative Platform. [The platform can be read here.](#)

From the Superintendent Report:



Statewide Board Recognition Month

Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton began the evening acknowledging a statewide celebration: January is School Board Recognition month.

Dr. Fulton noted that it is often forgotten that Board members hold a volunteer position, dedicating a tremendous amount of time and making a lot of tough decisions, especially this school year.



The Board was presented with a few tokens of thanks, including several pieces of art created by Shawnee Mission students, which are featured in the Board room. These students

submitted their work in our district-wide digital art show. These selections were printed on a custom set of stationery for Board members to use. The art represents students from across the district from Pre-K through 12th grade.

Shawnee Mission thanks the students who have shared their creativity with the community. [Here is a link](#) to the district-wide quarterly art show, featuring student artwork submitted in the second quarter.



Signature Program Information Night
Tomorrow, Tuesday, January 26, 2021, students and families of middle and high school students will have a chance to learn about the unique programs available to high school students in SMSD. Shawnee Mission

Signature Programs help high school students prepare for specialized academic and future career opportunities. A virtual information session will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26. Many of the Signature Program classes take place in the Center for Academic Achievement and at the district Career and Technical Center.

[Click here to learn more about these programs.](#)



Remember to Vote! – Our community is making a decision about a bond proposal and tomorrow is the deadline. All ballots must be received by the Johnson County Election office or one of their official drop-

boxes by noon tomorrow, Tuesday, January 26.

Anyone needing more information about the proposal can find it on [the district website](#). [The Johnson County Election office](#) is also the best resource for individuals who have questions about their mail-in ballots. Official dropboxes are at several locations in our community. Addresses are printed on the ballot.

Voters are deciding on a proposal that would allow for facility improvements in the district and would allow us a pathway to hire additional secondary teachers. This proposal was put together by many across our community and we appreciate everyone taking time to vote.

COVID-19 Update Superintendent Fulton reiterated that secondary students will return to a hybrid learning model on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, [as previously announced](#).

The district continues to work with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment in preparation for vaccine administration to staff. Current vaccine availability is low and the district has not yet learned when the vaccine will be available to administer to staff. Multiple contingency plans for distribution are in development for when the vaccine will become available.

Shawnee Mission All Stars

Board of Education members recognized two Shawnee Mission All Stars.

Shawnee Mission's newest All Stars are:

Connie Gandy, Medical Health Science Signature Program teacher. [Click here to view a video about Connie](#).

José Muñoz, custodian at Roesland Elementary School. [Click here to view a video about José.](#)

Anyone wanting to nominate a Shawnee Mission School District employee, certified and/or classified, to be considered for the Shawnee Mission All-Star award can do so by **clicking here.**

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 workshop and regular meeting [can be found here.](#)

Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes [can be found here.](#)