



BOARD MEETING RECAP

Board Actions:

Revenue Neutral Tax Rate Resolution Following a [Revenue Neutral hearing](#), The Board of Education adopted a resolution authorizing the district to exceed the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for financing for the 2021-2022 school year. [Click here to view the adopted resolution.](#)

Adoption of Budget Following a budget hearing, the Board of Education adopted the 2021-2022 budget. The total published budget was approved in the amount of \$492,919,098 for the 2021-2022 school year. State Budget information, Profile Information, the Budget At a Glance, and the 2021-2022 SMSD Budget [can be found here.](#)

Professional Negotiation Agreements The Board of Education approved the Professional Negotiated Agreement (PNA) from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 between the Shawnee Mission Board of Education and NEA-Shawnee Mission. [The approved PNA can be viewed by clicking here.](#) The PNA included a 1.45 % increase to the base, step movement, and professional growth (column) movement. [This PNA action memo outlines agreements and commitments.](#) [A redline PNA document can also be viewed here.](#)

The Board of Education also approved a Professional Negotiated Agreement for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 between the Board

and the NEA Shawnee Mission Parent Educators. [Click here for more information.](#)

From the Superintendent Report:



SM North Branding Update

Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard shared that the Shawnee Mission North administrative team has been working with the DLR Group on branding the Shawnee Mission North bison mascot. The goal is to hone in on the preferred visual for their new logo. Once they receive visuals back from DLR Group, Principal David Ewers will work with the Student Council, Building Leadership Team, and Site Council to solicit feedback. Shawnee Mission North will make a final recommendation to the superintendent with the branded logo. It is the goal at SM North to launch the new logo in mid-September.



Welcome Back Students

Dr. Hubbard shared that since the last Board of Education meeting, the Shawnee Mission School District welcomed students in grades Pre-K through 12 back to school. “It has been a fantastic start, and I know many of you joined me in greeting students when they arrived,” Hubbard expressed. Across the district, teachers and students are working to get to know each other, reviewing classroom traditions and

routines, and are focused on learning. “We thank everyone who has worked to help students get back in the classroom and begin a new year,” Dr. Hubbard shared. “It is fantastic to see our students in the classroom and we are excited for all that is ahead for them this school year.”



Perfect ACT Tongtong Yi , a senior at Shawnee Mission East High School, earned a perfect 36 composite score on the ACT exam. Yi is very involved at Shawnee Mission East, serving on Student Council, SHARE, Shawnee Mission East’s student-led community service program, and the National Honor Society, to name just a few of his activities. He is interested in pursuing a career related to medicine. Less than one-tenth of one percent of all ACT test-takers earn a perfect composite score on the ACT.



Nominate an SMSD Teacher Everyone in our community is invited to nominate an SMSD educator for the Kansas Teacher of the Year award. This honor recognizes excellent teachers across the state, and the person named Kansas Teacher of the Year is able to enter the National Teacher of the Year competition. Natalie Johnson-Berry, SM North English Language Arts educator, is currently a Region 3 Secondary finalist for state teacher of the year. She was honored last spring alongside Crystal Brower, a kindergarten teacher at Shawanoe. [Click here for more information and nomination forms.](#)



Fall Breakfast on Sept. 28 One of the biggest salutes to the new school year is the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation Fall Breakfast. This year, it is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Overland Park Convention Center. With the rise of the Delta variant of COVID-19, many organizations are wrestling with how to handle large events. As of tonight, no decision has been made about whether to have the event in-person or virtually. If the event is in person, a number of safety protocols will be in place, including sending a boxed breakfast home with attendees so they can remain masked the entire time. For now, know that safety considerations will guide the decision, and whether it is in-person or virtual, it will be a fabulous event. [Click here for more information.](#)

Digital Learning Families are able to register now for the first Parent Digital Learning event of the year, focused on supporting digital citizenship at home. The virtual presentation, free and open to all SMSD families, will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021. Dr. Stephanie J. Madlinger, director of educational innovation for EducationPlus, a non-profit education service agency, will share information about how to respect, educate, and protect children as they use digital resources. [Click here for more information about the event or to register.](#)

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](#).

