



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

### **Board Items:**

**Briarwood/Tomahawk Work Group Timeline** The Board of Education discussed the process for determining boundaries for Briarwood and Tomahawk Elementary Schools. They discussed a work group, timeline for the process, and the parameters outlined for the work group. [Click here to view the process discussed by the Board of Education.](#)

Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard spoke about the stress that boundary changes can cause for communities and about her own children having experienced boundary changes. She spoke to their resilience and her hopes for the same for families who may also face a boundary change. Dr. Hubbard also spoke about the introduction of the plan and how it will provide transparency about the process to both school communities.

**Grow Your Own Partnership** Dr. Jeremy Higgins, director of secondary human resources, and Sherry Dumolien, director of special education, presented a report to the Board on a Special Education staffing incentive program. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Kasey Orlik, Westridge special education teacher, Jodi Miller, Benninghoven special education teacher, and Kim Taylor, Tomahawk special education teacher joined the presentation to speak about how being a part of the first cohort of this program

was a beneficial experience. Later in the meeting the Board of Education approved the use of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER 3) special education funds to invest in the SpEd Grow Your Own Cohort 2 Partnership with Fort Hays State University. [Click here to view the action item.](#)

### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Stuart Little, district lobbyist, provided an update to the Board of Education on what is anticipated in the final days of the legislative session. [The update can be viewed at 1:10:26.](#)

**Board Policy** The Board of Education held second readings and approved the following policies.

[Revised Board Policy DL](#): Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Review

[Revised Board Policy IF](#): Public Concerns/Complaints About Instructional and Library Resources

[Revised Board Policy IIA](#): Performance-Based Credits

[Revised Board Policy JBCB](#): In-District Transfers

[Revised Board Policy JCDB](#): Dress Code

The Board amended the revised Board Policy KGA: Personal Use of District Personal Property and Equipment. [Click here to view the amended and approved policy.](#)

**2022-2023 Calendar Update** The Board of Education approved an update to the 2022-2023 school calendar. With this approval, April 10, 2023 was changed from a student contact day to a professional learning day. For more information and the revised calendar, [click here](#).

**From the Superintendent Report:**



**JAG-K Success** Shawnee Mission students demonstrated outstanding skills at this year's Jobs for America's Graduates Kansas (JAG-K) State Career Development Conference. At this event, three high school students qualified for the first-ever JAG-K

national competition.

They include:

Phoenix Riesner a junior from Shawnee Mission West

Anylah Jones, a junior from Shawnee Mission North

Damien Pool, a sophomore from Shawnee Mission North High School

These students are preparing for the national competition to be held in Dallas in early May. Westridge Middle School's JAG-K team also earned the first-place title for the second consecutive year. Multiple students took home individual honors. JAG-K is an in-school program that helps students build skills to prepare them for college and career. [Click here to view](#) the complete list of awards earned by SMSD students at the state competition.



**Journalism Honor** The Kansas Scholastic Press Association honored Tucker Love, journalism instructor at Shawnee Mission South High School, with the 2022 Sunflower Award. This is given to new advisors who show

enthusiasm and dedication to building a strong journalism program and aims to encourage teachers to remain in the profession, according to the KSPA website.

Love was a Shawnee Mission journalism student, student-taught in Shawnee Mission and has expressed appreciation for the ways all Shawnee Mission high school journalism advisors have strengthened his work as a teacher.



**Aspirations in Computing** This year, three Shawnee Mission high school students earned Aspirations in Computing awards. Hannah Poe, a senior from Shawnee Mission South, was named an affiliate winner. Kate

Swift, a Shawnee Mission South junior, and Grace Cramblett, a Shawnee Mission Northwest senior and cybersecurity student, were recognized with affiliate honorable mentions. This honor is given by The National Center for Women and Information Technology. Honorees are selected based on a long list of qualities including computing and leadership experience and tenacity in the face of barriers to access. The recognition is given to honor students for their computing-related achievements and interests and to encourage them to pursue their passions. Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard also congratulated their instructors, Vince LaVergne, Shawnee Mission South math teacher, and Jessica Tickle, engineering Signature Program instructor.



**Animation Top Prize** Sana Soureshjani, Shawnee Mission South Senior and animation Signature Program student, earned first-place recognition at the eImagine media Festival. She was recognized for the animation she submitted to the 3D Mechanical Model category. Her outstanding work was selected by a panel of industry professionals in a contest that drew students from 26 schools. Superintendent Hubbard congratulated Soureshjani and animation Signature Program teacher Bryan Johnson.



**Hocker Grove Artist** Nirvana Mullin, an eighth-grader from Hocker Grove Middle School, earned a top honor from the Kansas Art Education Association. Mullin's symbolic self-portrait earned a second-place award in the statewide Youth Art Month exhibit. As an honoree, Mullin was recognized in a state ceremony and received a prize pack with art supplies, a certificate and ribbon. Dr. Hubbard congratulated Mullin and teacher Alyssa Passmore.



**R&D Forum** It's been an awesome time at the Center for Academic Achievement as the SMSD hosts the 60<sup>th</sup> annual R&D Forum. Last week's forum featured the

middle and high school art showcase and all-grades science showcase. This week, community members are invited to come to the CAA to see the elementary art showcase and Career and Technical Education showcase. [Click here for a full schedule](#). On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., everyone is invited to watch the Next Great Idea pitch competition. A link for viewing and for live voting to select a winner will be posted on [www.smsd.org](http://www.smsd.org). An awards show will be livestreamed starting at 2 p.m. Dr. Hubbard thanked all who have attended the open houses so far, to all students and educators who have put this forum together, and extended thanks to the Regnier Family who have supported the R&D Forum for 60 years.



### **Administrative Professionals Day**

Wednesday, April 27 is Administrative Professionals Day. Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard took a moment during the report to celebrate all administrative professionals in the Shawnee Mission School District. These individuals help surround students with a community of support and keep day-to-day operations running seamlessly. “To all administrative professionals, thank you for all that you do to support staff, students, and the community,” Dr. Hubbard expressed. “Thank you for keeping Shawnee Mission strong.”

All Stars

The Board of recognition recognized two Shawnee Mission All Stars. Shawnee Mission's newest All Stars are:

Patricia Juarez, food service assistant at Roesland Elementary.  
[Click here to see a video about Patricia.](#)

Kelly Chapman, instructional specialist for secondary special education and transition and division coordinator for post-high transition services. [Click here to see a video about Kelly.](#)

Anyone wanting to nominate a Shawnee Mission School District team member as an AllStar can do [so by filling out this form.](#)

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