



BOARD MEETING RECAP

Board Items:

KESA Presentation Kim Barney, assistant director of curriculum and instruction, and Kristin Ridgway, secondary coordinator of English Language Arts and Social Studies, provided a report on year four of the five-year Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) process. They also provided a summary of a visit by the Outside Visiting Team (OVT), a yearly external review that is part of the KESA process. [Click here to view their presentation.](#) A full [summary can be viewed here.](#)

Substitute Services Discussion Dr. Michael Schumacher, associate superintendent of human resources, introduced Dr. Jeremy Higgins, director of secondary human resources, and representatives from Kelly Educational Staffing. They led a discussion about plans for substitute services for the next school year. The discussion included a review of absences and fill rates in the past year and planning and action steps for improving in the next year. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Later in the meeting, the Board approved a consent agenda item that included substitute pay rates. [Click here to view the rates approved.](#)

Notice of Budget The Board of Education approved the publication of notice of hearing for the 2022-2023 budget and a notice of hearing to exceed the revenue neutral tax rate for the

2022-2023 school year. Russell Knapp, chief financial officer, provided a presentation, outlining budget assumptions, a summary of fund balances, and the information that will be published. [Click here to view the notices and presentation.](#)

From The Superintendent Report:



Nurse of the Year Mary Alice Kelly, school nurse at Shawnee Mission North, was named Kansas School Nurse of the Year. She was nominated by Nick Englen, a speech language pathologist at Shawnee Mission North. He described how she is calm, peaceful, delightful, knowledgeable, humorous and helps students find ways to overcome obstacles. Englen says she is a sought-after resource for students and staff. Kelly was honored at the 2022 Kansas Summer School Nurse Conference in July. Congratulations Mary Alice and Shawnee Mission North!



Online Verification It is time for families to complete online verification for the start of the school year! We look forward to welcoming students back in just a few days and these are some important back-to-school steps for our families as they get ready. These forms include permission forms, health history review, and a medication

permission form. There is also an athletic packet for secondary students.

SMSD families can verify enrollment by following these steps:

- Visit smsd.org.
- In the top navigation bar, click on “[Skyward](#)” and log in to your account.
- Under “Home” you will see “2022-2023 Student Annual Online Verification.”

There you will find directions that walk you through the entire process. If you do not have an account yet, or if you have questions, you may contact your child’s school office after July 26, 2022 to inquire about setting up account access. [Click here to find your school](#), and click on the school link for contact information at the bottom of the school website. If you are unsure what school your child will attend, [click here to use our school finder or view boundary maps](#).

Free and Reduced Lunch Families are also encouraged to complete an application for free or reduced priced meals as part of online verification. Over the last few years, federal school meal waivers made free meals for all students possible. Congress has not extended that provision for this school year. Filling out the application can benefit families in multiple ways. For qualifying families, it can mean increased state and federal funds for staff and resources at your child’s school, certain types of reduced fees, and free or reduced-price meals.

The link to the Child Nutrition Meal Program Application is available on [Skyward](#) or can be found on **School Cafe**. Families do need to create a School Cafe account if they do not already have one - more information may be located on the **SMSD Food**

Service Free and Reduced web page. Families who are directly certified are encouraged to complete a Consent for Disclosure form in [Skyward](#) which gives SMSD Food Service permission to share a child's eligibility status information with the programs families designate on the consent form.



Jump Start Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard highlighted many of the great learning opportunities that have taken place in the SMSD this summer. Jump Start to Learning just concluded for incoming Kindergarten students. Jump Start gives students the chance to strengthen literacy, numeracy, and the skills of being a student. It helps kindergartners to be ready on day one and throughout the year.



Camp Invention also brought a great group of students together this July. For kindergarten through fifth-graders, Camp Invention was a hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math camp. Students spent a week engaged in solving problems, having fun, and getting ready to learn this year.



In **Summer Enrichment** – students have been exploring art, sports, technology, music, and even satellite classes at the Center for Academic Achievement

Broadmoor Bistro restaurant and urban farm. “We thank all of the educators who provided outstanding, personalized learning experiences to help our students learn and grow this summer,” Dr. Hubbard expressed.



Classified Job Fair Anyone in the community interested in learning more about job opportunities in Shawnee Mission can do so at an upcoming Job Fair. A Classified Job Fair will be held from 4 to 6

p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at the Center for Academic Achievement. This fair will focus on Paraprofessional, food service assistant, custodian, operations and maintenance team, aide positions, information and communication technology staff, and bus drivers.

[Click here for more information.](#)



One Shawnee Mission The SMSD is getting close to the start of the school year! District administrators attended a recent

Leadership Retreat, which helped leaders plan and prepare for the start of the year. Soon the district will welcome educators to the New Team Member Academy and Pre-service.

“It is getting exciting,” Superintendent Hubbard noted. “All of us, whether we are an educator, student, family member or community member – we’ll all be striving toward a common goal. We all want every student to achieve their full potential. We know we can do that as One Shawnee Mission. I hope we all keep that

in mind in the weeks and months ahead. I wish everyone an amazing school year!”

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](#).