BOARD MEETING RECAP

## Board Items

**Health Services Program Report** Dr. Christy Ziegler, chief of student services, diversity, equity, and inclusion introduced Paula Bunde, health services coordinator, who provided an update on the district health services program. The Shawnee Mission School District health services program serves to provide professional nursing care to students and staff through assessment, prevention, health education, early intervention, case management, and collaboration. Bunde highlighted the health services mission, program goals, staffing, health conditions monitored, health room utilization, immunizations, wellness efforts, and community partnerships.
Click here to view the report.
Click here to view the presentation.

**Transportation Program Report** Dr. Ziegler then introduced Dana Gulick, coordinator of transportation, who provided an update on the Shawnee Mission School District transportation program. Martha Coleman, general manager for DS Bus Lines , and BJ Garcia, division general manager for DS Bus Lines contributed to the presentation. Gulick highlighted the program goals, which are to provide a safe and effective transportation system, provide services with careful attention to reliability and

costs, provide employee development for student safety and customer service, and to provide continuous evaluation of sustainable transportation. Gulick and Garcia then shared information about to whom transportation is provided, different transportation providers in the district, considerations of safe and effective transportation, routing, regular and special education transportation, on-time performance, alternative transportation and assisted transportation, staffing, and customer service and communication
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**Strategic Plan Cycle I Final Report** Dr. Leigh Anne Neal, chief of early childhood and sustainability, provided a report on Strategic Plan Cycle I, the plan that has served the district from 2019 through 2024. Click here to view the presentation.
Click here to view a video highlighting Strategic Plan Cycle 1.

**Contracts**
The Board of Education approved the ratification of the Professional Negotiated Agreement (PNA) with NEA-Shawnee Mission, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The PNA was ratified by professional employees in May. This agreement provides an increase of 5.48% to 8.40% overall compensation package for certified employees. Click here for more information.

The Board of Education approved increasing classified salary schedules 5.6% on the base. Additionally, the 2024-2025 budget includes $1,000,000 for increasing classified compensation to be more competitive with the market. This equated to an additional

base increase of 2.5%. The classified salary schedules for 2024-25 will increase a total of 8.1% on the base.

The Board of Education approved administrators to receive a 5.6% increase in 2024-25 base salary, except in cases of market based adjustments as appropriate.

## From the Superintendent Report



**Thanks for Shining, Shawnee Mission!** School has concluded for students and summer vacation has begun since the last Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard noted that May was such an exciting month as Shawnee Mission celebrated accomplishments and next steps across the district. She noted one event at the very top on the list of highlights last month was graduation. “It was so thrilling to see more than 1,700 graduates walk across the stage,” Dr. Hubbard expressed. “We congratulate everyone who achieved this milestone. I also want to extend a big thank you to all of our students for an amazing school year and I want to thank our staff and community for all of the ways they went above and beyond to provide our students the best possible education. 2023-2024 was definitely a time to shine!” Click here to watch 2024 commencement ceremonies.

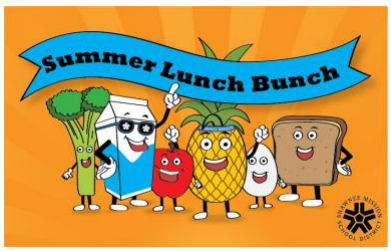


**Spring Sports Wrap Up** Shawnee Mission also congratulates all SMSD athletes who had a fantastic spring season!

Dr. Hubbard highlighted:
The Shawnee Mission East boys tennis team was state runner up and recent graduates George Kahl and Gregor Wiedeman were state champions in Tennis State doubles.

Shawnee Mission also had several individual state champions in track and field:
Alexis Phillips, Shawnee Mission North recent graduate, was pole vault champion. Rosjai Curtis, Shawnee Mission North recent graduate, was champion in both the long jump and triple jump. Max Larson, Shawnee Mission South incoming senior, was champion in the 3200 meter run.

This spring the Shawnee Mission School District had 1,887 high school students participate in sports. In addition, there were 313 middle school girls and boys soccer athletes. “Congratulations to all of our students, coaches, and schools on all of your personal and team accomplishments this season,” Dr. Hubbard added.




**Lunch Bunch** This summer free meals are available to all children ages 1-18, regardless of whether they are students in the district. Meals will be available on Monday through Friday from June 3 to July

26 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at specific locations. Please note Lunch Bunch will not be available on June 19, July 4 and July 5. Click here for more information, including a list of specific school buildings where meals are served.




**Jump Start** For Families of Incoming Kindergartners: The Shawnee Mission School District has a wonderful opportunity to help get these students ready for school this July called Jump Start. This is a three-week summer program for incoming kindergarten students and there are spots available. This program is designed to provide incoming kindergarten students an opportunity to practice literacy, numeracy, and the skills of being a student before their first day of school. Any incoming kindergarten student can apply to attend. The deadline to apply is June 14, 2024.
Click here for more information.
Click here to apply.



**National PTA Reflections** Olivia Garza, a recent graduate at Shawnee Mission South, is a National PTA Reflections contest honoree. Garza received “Outstanding Interpretation” honors for a film production called “After Tragedy” and was recognized for this honor at a spring state PTA arts and awards ceremony. Reflections is a national PTA opportunity that invites students from

Pre-K through 12 to submit original works of art in a variety of mediums to interpret a theme. This year the theme was “I am Hopeful Because…”




**Shawnee Mission Mic’d Up**

Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard expressed how proud she was that SMSD has wrapped the first full season of Shawnee Mission Mic’d Up- the Shawnee Mission School District’s podcast. In the final episode of the season, hosts reflected on their favorite moments and talked to the new hosts for season two. “I want to thank Dr. Jeremy Higgins, director of secondary human resources, for joining me as co-host this first season,” Dr. Hubbard expressed. “Thank you to Logan Deangelis, a recent graduate at Shawnee mission West, for creating our theme music, thanks to our communications team, and to everyone who continues to listen. Stay tuned for season two coming back in August!” Click here to catch up on Shawnee Mission Mic’d Up this summer.

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 meeting can be found here.

Links to board policies, agenda, and meeting minutes can be found here.