



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

### Board Items

**Centegix Crisis Alert** Dr. Michael Schumacher, superintendent, Mark Schmidt, chief of police, and Philip Lofflin, officer, provided a presentation about a contract with Centegix, a company that provides an electronic crisis alert system.

This alert system includes crisis alert badges that will empower each staff member to initiate an emergency response and call for support at the time of an emergency. The alert system will help first responders know where to respond and the type of response that is needed, whether it is a health emergency, weather emergency, or a threat situation. The system will only track locations of badge users when an alert is deployed from the badge on a district campus. Individuals can see how the system operates [by watching this video](#). [Click here to review the presentation](#).

Later in the meeting, the Board of Education approved a contract with Centegix. [Click here to read more about the contract](#). Implementation of this system is expected to take place in the spring. The implementation will include training for all staff members.

**Legislative Platform** Dr. Stuart Little, district lobbyist, and David A. Smith, chief communications officer, provided a legislative update to the Board. The team provided a first read and

informational overview to the Board of Education of the drafted legislative platform. [Click here to view legislative platform drafts.](#)

**KESA 2.0** Dr. Matthew Andersen, assistant director of curriculum and instruction, Jennifer Duke, principal of Rosehill Elementary School, and Dr. Darren Dennis, chief academic officer, presented information about the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) 2.0 model. They shared information about how KESA complements and integrates with the [Strategic Plan](#) and other school improvement work happening in the district.

The team provided an explanation about what KESA is and how accreditation is determined. An overview on the district's action plan based on four fundamentals (structured literacy, standards aligned, balanced assessment system, and high quality instruction) was also provided. Dr. Andersen also shared information on outcome areas and compliance. Ms. Duke provided details about the school's improvement plan and how it functions. Then, Dr. Andersen shared details about the district accreditation timeline and KESA collaboration process. [Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)

**From the Superintendent Report**



### **Science Teacher Honor**

Superintendent Dr. Michael Schumacher congratulated Susan Hallstrom, science teacher at Shawnee Mission East High School, on a recent honor. She was recognized by the Midwest Region of the American Chemistry Society. She is 1 of 10

educators nationally to receive the award for excellence in high school teaching.



**National Merit Reception** The Shawnee Mission School District formally recognized students who are semifinalists in the National Merit Program at a recent event. Shawnee Mission held a breakfast celebration

last week to honor the students on their incredible accomplishment. Students who were named semifinalists took the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) which served as an initial screen of program entrants. They have the opportunity to advance in competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards worth nearly \$28 million. [Click here](#) for a complete list of the honorees.



**Read Across November** Shawnee Mission's monthly theme for Read Across SMSD is Engage With Community. [Click here to see the November 2024 video.](#)

This video features Board of Education member Mario Garcia and student hosts from Nieman Elementary School. Together, they interview 2024 Shawnee Mission West graduate Jace Morales. Morales is Native American and he shared about his experience dancing in powwows as a child. The Shawnee Mission School District thanks NEA-Shawnee Mission for their ongoing Read Across SMSD partnership and the [Shawnee Mission Education Foundation](#) for providing Read Across SMSD books to all school libraries.

The district is committed to creating a welcoming environment where all voices are heard and respected. As part of this mission, the district is reaching out to Native American students, families, and community members to join us in conversation that celebrates your heritage, insights, and perspectives. [Click here to learn more about this opportunity.](#)

**All Stars** The Board of Education presented two All Star awards. The first honoree was Ed Morrison, fire science instructor for the Project Blue Eagle Signature Program. [Click here for a video about Morrison.](#)

The next All Star award was presented to a team of individuals, including Paraeducators and Recovery Team members at Arrowhead Day School. [Click here to see a video about the team.](#) Congratulations to these All Stars!

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

**Sports Highlights** Dr. Schumacher added that it is an exciting time for SMSD fall athletes, with playoffs and competitions taking place across the state. Over the weekend, the Shawnee Mission East Lancers Boys team took the state championship title in soccer, and many across the district are celebrating other records and achievements. Dr. Schumacher shared he is looking forward to taking a more complete look at the fall sports season during the Superintendent report at the December Board of Education meeting.

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 in the school district. An archive video of the meeting can [be found by clicking here.](#) Links to board policies, agenda, and meeting minutes [can be found by clicking here.](#)