BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Blue Valley Unified School District No. 229

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2026, 5:30 PM

Board of Education Room, District Office, 15020 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66223

A. OPENING ITEMS.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
   Presented by Kaci Brutto, Chief Communications Officer
   The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Raj Yerraguntla, a 5th -grade student from Lakewood Elementary.

2. **Recitation of the Blue Valley Mission Statement**
   Presented by Kaci Brutto, Chief Communications Officer
   Mission: Cultivating lifelong learners prepared to navigate their future with purpose.

3. **Awards and Recognitions.**
   Presented by Kaci Brutto, Chief Communications Officer
   Distinguished Service Award Recipient: Eric Cohen, lead custodian at Blue Valley Northwest Excellence in Education Recipient: Jill Bartram, ESOL teacher at Overland Trail Elementary

4. **Public Comments.**
   Presented by Jan Kessinger, Board President

   Three patrons addressed the Board of Education:

   David Tyler - Discuss BOE Financial and Funds, including impact to staff/benefits

   James Sutton - Request for Board Review of District Policy Implementation Regarding Employee-Parent Boundaries, Student Welfare, and Parental Rights

   Erika Sheets - Agenda items

B. REGULAR AGENDA.

Presented by Board President Jan Kessinger

1. **Call the Regular Board of Education Meeting to Order.**

Board President Jan Kessinger called the October 12, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

2. Approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting Agenda.

I move that the Board of Education approve the October 12, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting agenda as published. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Clay Norkey, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. CONSENT AGENDA.

Presented by Board President Jan Kessinger

1. Approve the Consent Agenda.

Our rules of Parliamentary Procedure provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Board members and the public in advance to ensure an extensive review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member.

I move that the Board of Education approve the October 12, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting consent agenda as published with minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Dr. Sonya Evans, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2. **Approve the Meeting Minutes.**
   Meeting minutes shall be considered draft until formally approved by the Board of Education.
   The Board of Education approved the prior meeting minutes.
3. **Approve the Cash Summary & Investment Report.**
   The Board of Education approved the Cash Summary and Investment Report.
4. **Approve the Bids and Contracts.**
   Bids and contracts may not be available until the day of the Board meeting. All agreements and contracts are subject to the final approval by the Board of Education's attorney.
   The Board of Education approved the Bids and Contracts.
5. **Approve the Human Resources Personnel Report and the Addendum.**
   The Human Resources Personnel Report and Addendum may not be available until the day of the Board meeting.
   The Board of Education approved the Human Resources Report and HR Addendum.
6. **Approve the Claims Report, the Disbursement Report, and the Special Fund Transfers.**
   The Board of Education approved the Claims Report, the Distribution Report, and the Special Transfers.
7. **Approve the Proposed Revision to Board Policy IIA.**
   This amendment clarifies Board policy regarding the awarding of high school credit for middle school world language coursework following the adoption of updated KASB-aligned policies in July 2026.
   The Board of Education approved the revision to Board Policy IIA.
8. **Approve the Reappointment of the Blue Valley Recreation Center Northwest Commissioner.**

   The Board of Education approved the reappointment of **Ted McBride** for a second four-year term as the Blue Valley Recreation Commission Northwest Commissioner. The term will commence on October 12, 2026, and expire on October 11, 2030.
9. **Approve Early Graduate Candidates.**
   The Board of Education approved the Early Graduate Candidates report.

D. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.

1. **Board of Education Reports.**

Presented by members of the Board of Education

2. **Superintendent's Report.**
   Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools
   Quarterly Strategic Plan Update

3. **Legislative Positions.**
   Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools

   The Board President called for a five (5) minute break for the Closed Captioner from 7:04 p.m. to 7:09 p.m.

4. **Design and Construction Report.**
   Presented by Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer

5. **Timeline for Bond 2027 Mail Ballot Election.**
   Presented by Shelby Exposito of Gilmore Bell, and Dave Arteberry of Stifel

E. ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Conduct Public Hearing for Construction Manager At Risk Delivery Method.**
   Presented by Board President Jan Kessinger

   There were no public comments presented to the Board of Education.

2. **Approve the Construction Manager At Risk Delivery Method.**
   Presented by Board President Jan Kessinger

   I move that the Board of Education approve an alternative project delivery method/Construction Manager At Risk for the 2027 Bond. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Clay Norkey, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

   Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. **Approve 2026-27 Professional Employee Negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and the Blue Valley Education Association.**
   Presented by Dr. Eric Punswick, Chief Human Resources Officer

I move that the Board of Education approve the 2026-27 Professional Employee Negotiated Agreement. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. **Approve 2026-27 Classified Compensation.**
   Presented by Dr. Eric Punswick, Chief Human Resources Officer

   I move that the Board of Education approve the overall increase of 1% to the classified wage schedules for the 2026-27 academic school year. This motion, made by Dr David Benson and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5. **Approve the agreement with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas City.**
   Presented by Dr. Eric Punswick, Chief Human Resources Officer

   Special Reserve Healthcare.

   Renewal for the 2027 Blue Cross Blue Shield Group Medical Plan.

   The rate increase is 3.66%.

Estimated at $ 42,527,895.00.

I move that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Group Medical Plan for the 2027 plan year, with minor changes as deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Dr. Sonya Evans, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6. **Approve the agreement with Delta Dental of Kansas Inc.**
Presented by Dr. Eric Punswick, Chief Human Resources Officer

Employee-paid benefit.

Renewal for 2027 employee group dental insurance with Delta Dental of KC. Rate increase of 4% for Base and Buy Up Plans.

Estimated at $1,525,179.00.

I move that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the employee group dental insurance plan with Delta Dental of Kansas City for the 2027 plan year, with minor changes as deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Clay Norkey, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea

Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. **Approve the agreement with The Standard Insurance Company.**
Presented by Dr. Eric Punswick, Chief Human Resources Officer

Employee-paid benefit.

Renewal for 2027 The Standard Insurance Policies: Voluntary Group Life (GTL), Accident Insurance (AI), Hospital Insurance (HI), Critical Illness Insurance (CI). Cost is based on projected participation and employee-paid premium rates for all products.

Estimated at $679,689.00.

I move that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the The Standard Insurance Company Voluntary Group Life (GTL), Accident Insurance (AI), Hospital Insurance (HI), and Critical Illness Insurance (CI) policies for the 2027 plan year, with minor changes as deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Dr David Benson and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8. **Approve the agreement with The Standard Insurance Company.**
Presented by Dr. Eric Punswick, Chief Human Resources Officer

Special Reserve Healthcare.

Renewal for 2027 of The Standard Insurance Policy for short-term disability and long-term disability.

2027 STD renewal cost: $471,981 - 5% rate increase

2027 LTD renewal cost: $40,087 - no rate increase

Estimated at $512,068.00.

I move that the Board of Education approve the renewal of The Standard Insurance Company short-term disability and long-term disability insurance policies for the 2027 plan year, with minor changes as deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Dr David Benson and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea
Dr. Sonya Evans:	Yea
Patrick Hurley:	Yea
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9. **Approve the agreement with Logicalis Inc.**
Presented by Kent Corser, Executive Director of Technology Operations

Capital Outlay.

Purchase of security software licensing. This is a 36-month term paid annually.

Year 1 $259,005.60
Year 2 $259,005.60
Year 3 $259,005.60

Estimated at $777,016.80

I move that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Logicalis Inc. This motion, made by Clay Norkey and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson:	Yea
Jodie Dietz:	Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Yea

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

F. CLOSING ITEMS.

1. Board Comments.

2. Adjournment.

Board President Jan Kessinger adjourned the October 12, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting at 7:59 p.m.