

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

February 23, 2026

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

District Office Board Room

FACILITATOR(S): Dr. Katie Collier, Deputy Superintendent & Dr. Mark Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Anna Custer-Singh, Caroline Chaboo, Jonathan Freiden, Kelly Selznick, Natalie Svilarich, Courtney Carlson, Kimberley Kushner, Sarah Cullor, Celia Byers, Colleen Cunningham, Jennifer Glanzer, Kristin Gembala, Abby O'Neill, Kelly Beck, Julia Bernard, Josh Heizman, Renee Meares, Jennifer Nowak, Pam Shernuk, Wendy Connelly, Dr. Sonya Evans, Patrick Hurley, Jodie Dietz, Dr. Katie Collier, Dr. Mark Schmidt, Kaci Brutto, Shahzad Zafa, Neta Meltzer, Carolina Salguero, Ella Rogers, Manuel Onentia, Joselyn Selser, Cale Fulcher, Mete Berkoz, Sama Salim, Kate Ingram, Tristan Coates, Laura Darwish, Sriha Penugonda

Strategic Plan Connection(s):

TOPIC I

Bond Ideation; Feedback Session- Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer

Strategic Plan Connection:

Foundational Commitments:

*We are committed to creating and maintaining exceptional environments to foster and support lifelong learners.

*We are dedicated to managing financial resources to directly support student success and organizational efficiency.

*We will ensure safe, supportive environments for students, staff and visitors.

*We will leverage technology to enhance and support student learning, teacher instruction and district operations.

The committee received an update regarding the process of creating a bond package which would potentially become a ballot item for public consideration. Past projects were reviewed in addition to a current project list. The rationale for past and currently projects was presented. Committee members had the opportunity to offer feedback, project suggestions, and weighed in regarding communication needs associated with this process. Gathering initial reaction and input on a project list is one of the initial steps administration and Board members engage in prior to any final decisions about presenting a bond referendum to the public for consideration.

TOPIC II

2027 - 2028 Draft Calendar Review; Feedback Session

Two draft 2027 - 2028 calendar options were presented to the committee for review and feedback. Committee members provided feedback regarding the placement of non-school attendance days. They also provided feedback regarding the importance of routine and consistency for children. Additionally, feedback was shared which helped administration understand the impact of district and school schedules on families. The calendar is open for additional staff and family feedback via the district website during the month of March. The Board of Education will be asked in April to approve the final version of the 2027 - 2028 calendar.

TOPIC III

Finally, committee members were reminded that legislative updates can be found on the district website. Various updates occur when the legislature is in session based on various district advocacy measures. Current topics before the legislature were highlighted which impact Blue Valley and other Kansas school districts.