BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS

Blue Valley Unified School District No. 229

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2026, 5:00pm

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

Officer Dave Reindl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clay Norkey participated via audio.
Patrick Hurley was absent.

2. Awards and Recognitions.

Presented by Kaci Brutto, Chief Communications Officer

Excellence in Education Recipients:
Dr. Katie Collier is the Deputy Superintendent of Learning.
Dr. Mark Schmidt is the Assistant Superintendent for Special Education.

Presidential Scholars semifinalists:
Zayna Ahmed, 2026 graduate, Blue Valley Southwest
Dane Weninger, 2026 graduate, Blue Valley Southwest
Matthew Chen, 2026 graduate, Blue Valley North

Perfect ACT:
Chloe Han, junior, Blue Valley West
Smayan Khot, junior, Blue Valley West
Matthew Chen, 2026 graduate, Blue Valley North

National Restaurant Association Pro Start Invitational 1st place winners: Charlie Holoch, Maya McQuivey, and Lauren Parkin, 2026 graduates, Blue Valley West

Business Professionals of America 1st place winners:
Henry Yim and Luke Golian, incoming seniors, Blue Valley High

3. Public Comments.

There were no public comments made.

B. REGULAR AGENDA.

Board President, Jan Kessinger

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

   Board President Jan Kessinger called the June 8, 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 June 8, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting agenda as published. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Dr. Sonya Evans, Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. CONSENT AGENDA.

1. **Approve the Consent Agenda.**
   Board President, Jan Kessinger
   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 June 8, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting consent agenda as published with minor edits 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:	Absent
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. **Approve the Meeting Minutes.**

   The Board of Education approved the prior meeting minutes.

3. **Approve the Cash Summary Report.**

   The Board of Education approved the Cash Summary Report.

4. **Approve the Bids and Contracts.**

   The Board of Education approved the Bids and Contracts.

5. **Approve the Human Resources Personnel Report and the Addendum.**

   Dr. Anne Kalestic was announced as the new principal at Blue Valley Southwest High School.

   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 Finance & Operations Board Advisory Committee Appointments.**
   Reappointment of Tom Robinett and Louis Pisani to a two-year term, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

   Appointment of Jason Rawlings, Stefan Jacewitz, and Tiffany McCalla to a two-year term, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

   The Board of Education approved the appointments made to the 26-27 Finance and Operations Board Advisory Committee Meeting.

8. **Approve Curriculum Proposals.**
   Presented by Kelly June, Chief of Academic Services Officer.

   The Board of Education approved the Curriculum Proposals.

D. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.
Board President, Jan Kessinger

1. **Board of Education Reports.**

   Board Member Dr. David Benson read the minutes of the Finance & Operations Board Advisory Committee meeting.

2. **Superintendent's Report.**
   Presented by Dr. Gillan Chapman, Superintendent of Schools.
3. **2026-2027 Building Needs Assessment.**
   Presented by Shelly Nielsen.

E. ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Approve the Kansas Association of School Board Policy FC Memorials, Funerals, and Naming of District Facilities.**
   Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools.

   Section F Facility Expansion Program was approved at the March 9, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting with the exception of policy FC Memorials, Funerals, and Naming of District Facilities.

   This policy is recommended for adoption effective July 1, 2026, pending any minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel.

   The Executive Summary identifies the KASB policies within each index recommended for adoption, outlines any substantive revisions, and notes the policies that are not recommended for approval.

   I move that the Board of Education approve the Kansas Association of School Board Policy FC Memorials, Funerals, and Naming of District Facilities, to take effect on July 1, 2026, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Dr David Benson, Carried.

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

   Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. **Approve the Kansas Association of School Board Policy GBO Resignation.**
   Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools.

Section G Personnel (Licensed and Non-Licensed) was approved at the April 13, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting, with the exception of policy GBO Resignation.

This policy is recommended for adoption effective July 1, 2026, pending any minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel.

The Executive Summary identifies the KASB policies within each index recommended for adoption, outlines any substantive revisions, and notes the policies that are not recommended for approval.

I move that the Board of Education approve the Kansas Association of School Board Policy GBO Resignation to take effect on July 1, 2026, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Gina Knapp and seconded by Dr David Benson, Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. **Approve the Kansas Association of School Board Policy Indexes K, L, M, and N (forms).** Presented by Dr. Gillian Chapman, Superintendent of Schools.

   Policy Indexes: K, L, M and N.

   Section Index N are forms. Not all forms are required. These are accepted for use and already correspond to the appropriate policy.

   These policies are recommended for adoption effective July 1, 2026, pending any minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel.

   The Executive Summary identifies the KASB policies within each index recommended for adoption, outlines any substantive revisions, and notes the policies that are not recommended for approval.

I move that the Board of Education approve the Kansas Association of School Board Policy Indexes K, L, M, and N to take effect on July 1, 2026, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Dr David Benson and seconded by Gina Knapp, Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4. **Approve Assignment and Assumption Agreement with 159th and Metcalf, LLC.**
Presented by Melissa Hillman, Chief Legal Counsel.

I move that the Board of Education approve the Agreement for Assignment and Assumption of Agreement of Purchase and Sale by and between Unified School District 229, Johnson County, State of Kansas and 159th and Metcalf, LLC, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Dr. Sonya Evans and seconded by Gina Knapp, Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. **Approve contract with World Fuel Services dba Carter Energy Corp.**
Presented by Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer
Bid 23034 Year 4 of 5 gasoline and diesel delivery for buses and district-owned vehicles.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with World Fuel Services dba Carter Energy Corp, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Dr. Sonya Evans and seconded by Gina Knapp, Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. **Approve contract with MC Electric / SRS Enterprises dba Core Electric.**
   Presented by Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer
   RFP 25028 Year 2 of 5 district-wide electrical services

   I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with MC Electric / SRS Enterprises dba Core Electric, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Dr David Benson, Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. **Approve contract with Techcylce Solutions LLC / Synetic Technologies.**
   Presented by Kent Corser, Director of Technology Operations.
   RFP 25032 Year 2 of 3 computer and device repair services.

   I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Techcylce Solutions LLC / Synetic Technologies, pending 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:	Absent
Jan Kessinger:	Yea
Gina Knapp:	Yea
Clay Norkey:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Approve contract with C&C Produce.
Presented by Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer
RFP 26037 Year 1 of 3 district-wide produce delivery.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with C&C Produce, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Dr. Sonya Evans and seconded by Gina Knapp, Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. Approve the contract with Amazon Business.
Presented by Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer
District-wide estimated annual spend on Amazon Business.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Amazon Business, pending minor edits 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: Absent

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. Approve the contract with Children's Mercy Hospital.
Presented by Dr. Mark Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent.
Renewal contract for social workers.

Presented by Dr. Mark Schmidt.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Children's Mercy Hospital, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Dr David Benson, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Absent

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. Approve the contract with Corporate Cleaning Group Inc.
Presented by Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer
Year 5 of 5 custodial services for staffing shortage.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Corporate Cleaning Group Inc, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Dr David Benson, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Absent

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. Approve the contract with Risk Strategies.
Presented by Jake Slobodnik, Chief Operations Officer
Annual renewal of property insurance.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Risk Strategies, pending minor edits deemed necessary by legal counsel. This motion, made by Dr. Sonya Evans and seconded by Jodie Dietz, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Absent

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13. Approve the contract with Zen Educate.
Presented by Dr. Mark Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent.
Contracted SPED paras to fill up to 50 vacancies.

Presented by Dr. Mark Schmidt.

I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Zen Educate, pending minor edits 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: Absent

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

14. Election of School Board Officers.
Presented by Anna Sweeney, Board Clerk.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 229, Johnson County, Kansas, adopted the Resolution to Establish Election of School Board Officers on January 12, 2026, to elect its school board president and vice-president at its first regular meeting in June.

I move that the Board of Education elect Jan Kessinger to serve as Board President for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2026, and expiring June 30, 2027. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Dr. Sonya Evans, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Absent

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I move that the Board of Education elect Clay Norkey to serve as the Board Vice President for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2026, and expiring June 30, 2027. This motion, made by Jodie Dietz and seconded by Dr David Benson, Carried.

Dr David Benson: Yea

Jodie Dietz: Yea

Dr. Sonya Evans: Yea

Patrick Hurley: Absent

Jan Kessinger: Yea

Gina Knapp: Yea

Clay Norkey: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

F. CLOSING ITEMS.

1. Other Matters Before the Board.

There were none.

2. Board Comments.

Board members shared remarks regarding recent graduation ceremonies and student achievements.

Jodie Dietz noted that four Board members had family members graduating this year and extended congratulations to those graduates. She expressed pride in Blue Valley students and confidence in their preparation and future success, highlighting the quality of the district's educational programs and staff.

Dr. David Benson affirmed prior comments regarding graduation ceremonies, noting the positive experience of attending and observing the strong relationships between students and staff, as well as the effective execution of large-scale events by district personnel.

Dr. Sonya Evans expressed appreciation to principal Charles Golden and assistant principal Brad Page at Blue Valley High School for their support of her family, specifically recognizing their assistance with student wellbeing.

Gina Knapp commented on the recent approval of girls flag football as a sanctioned sport in Kansas, expressing support for future program development within the district. She noted current financial constraints impacting the ability to implement the program and expressed hope that funding opportunities may allow for future participation. Gina Knapp also expressed appreciation to district leadership, specifically recognizing Dr. Katie Collier for her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and Dr. Mark Schmidt for contributions to special education programs. She noted the lasting impact of their service on students and the community.

Clay Norkey, participating remotely, echoed prior comments and expressed appreciation for district staff, including Dr. Katie Collier and Dr. Mark Schmidt. He also acknowledged district technology staff for supporting remote participation.

Board President Jan Kessinger concluded by reiterating appreciation for students, staff, and the community, noting confidence in graduates' preparedness and the district's role in their success.

3. Adjournment.

Board President Jan Kessinger adjourned the June 8, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting at 6:54 p.m.