

Dr. Garstecki Monthly Board of Trustees Update

November 2025

- I attended the Great Bend Chamber After Hours in Ellinwood at the Hospital/Clinic.
- Chair Johnson and I met with Barton Leadership Institute class. We discussed how the relationship works between the Board and the President and answered questions from the group.
- Barton hosted our annual USD partner meeting on Wednesday. This meeting gives us the opportunity to share Barton updates since last year, KBOR updates such as the new corequisite model, and any dual credit/SB155 updates.
- I attended one of the Reality U sessions at Great Bend Middle School. This is a wonderful program sponsored by United Way and I enjoyed interacting with the students and talking to the presenters.
- I was invited to present a roundtable discussion at the KANSPPRA (KS PR Association) Annual Conference which was hosted by USD 428 at the Events Center. There were over 60 K-12 PR/Communications professionals in attendance.
- Last weekend the Barton Theater Department held their fall production, Time Stands Still. Our students did a wonderful job with the production, and I have heard very high remarks from some community members.
- Barton hosted the Chamber After Hours event Tuesday night at Camp Aldrich. There were 239 attendees, and it was another great opportunity to connect with the community.
- I attended the TEA meeting last week. There is a lot of discussion happening about the future funding for SB155 courses.
- We held the Fall Quarterly President's Open Forum last Thursday. I implemented the quarterly forums last year to share information with the campus community.
- Barton hosted a Corequisite Symposium on Friday for the Kansas Community Colleges. Close to ninety individuals attended the symposium which was a way for faculty and staff to share best practices around the corequisite model of delivering math and English.