

Board of Education Meeting Notes

Oct. 12, 2015

- Recognitions
 - Renton Williams and Grant Karber of Andover Central High School and Hanna Watson of Andover High School were named National Merit Semifinalists. In order to be named a Semifinalist, they had to score in the top .5% in the state on the PSAT test during their junior year. About 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Approx. 16,000 of these students were named Semifinalists and about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring. Finalists will compete next spring for 2,500 National Merit Scholarships of \$2,500. Scholarship winners will be announced beginning in April and concluding in July.
- Reports
 - STUCO Reports
 - Lyndsay Goodman, Andover High School Student Council Vice President, and Brynna Norris, Andover Central High School Student Council BOE Liaison, gave presentations on current school activities as well as an update on fall sports.
 - Andover Education Association Report
 - AEA President Kim Hett gave an update on association activities. To see this presentation, please visit BoardDocs.
- Action Items
 - Authorization to Secure Financing-Exterior/Interior Lighting Upgrades Through Schneider Electric
 - ***District Goal: Fiscal Responsibility- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effectively utilize facilities***
 - Last month, the Board approved to commence the Investment Grade Audit by Schneider Electric. The in-depth audit is to replace exterior and interior light fixtures with more efficient models. Through this retrofit process the district would see energy savings annually that would surpass the initial costs of the retrofit within a 10 year time period. The preliminary scope of work includes replacing district-wide parking lot and exterior lighting, the interior lighting in the 6000 wing of Andover High School used by Butler Community College and the interior lighting at District Office. The total cost of the project is \$653,701. The projected energy and maintenance project shows a savings over a 15 year period. Financing recommendations along with the contract with Schneider Electric will be brought back before the board in November for approval. The motion to authorize securing financing for the project carried 6-0.
- Reports
 - Superintendent Report
 - Superintendent Greg Rasmussen reported on the following issues:
 - There's a new update in BoardDocs that now includes the ability to add district goals in agenda items. This new addition allows the district goals to link to all agenda topics discussed that cover that goal.
 - We had outstanding representation from our schools at Greater Andover Days. It's nice to see the schools and the community work together. Thanks also to Jamie Bohannon for serving on the committee.
 - KASB Conference Registration is coming up on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 in Wichita. Melinda and Josh are doing a presentation about district alignment.
 - A Legislative Forum for Board Members and Superintendents of 17 area districts will be held on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. This is designed specifically for board members

and superintendents only. This is a great opportunity for legislators and board members to connect.

- Board Report

- President Melinda Fritze, with Superintendent Rasmussen and Board Member Linda Hope, went to KASB meeting in Clearwater. She learned that most states have a base state aid funding formula and that the block grant is very different than other state funding.
- Vice President Josh Wells constantly receives messages on how hard our teachers work and gave kudos. He spoke on the Andover Advantage Foundation's Local Harvest: Farm to Table event and how successful it was. Mr. Wells also had comments on the Post-Legislative Audit Survey sent to all Board Members.
- Member Matt Forney spoke on Randy Watson visiting Wichita State University. Announcements will be coming about WSU partnering with some major companies to continue growing the Innovation Campus.
- Member Marci Fugarino has enjoyed her first nine weeks of school and looking forward to Parent-Teacher conferences this week.
- Member Carly Haynes had no report.
- Member Linda Hope also went with Greg and Melinda to Clearwater. We as a school district need to make sure that social skills are addressed in our curriculum.

- Discussion

- Long Range Facility Planning

- ***District Goal: Fiscal Responsibility- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effectively utilize facilities***
- Andover has set very high standards for student achievement and through the 2015-16 district goals of Student Achievement and Fiscal Responsibility, we are committed to providing facilities for our students to be successful in their future. We have a history of proactive, thorough planning for how to best meet the facility needs of our students and community. The purpose of the conversation was to better understand the state of our current facilities and to begin looking ahead to the future. *Any high quality organization is always looking forward and having thoughtful conversations of where they want to be in the future.*
 - Business Manager Sherame Kneisel began the conversation with a historical review of bond issues from 1998 to present. Of the original \$92 million financed since 1998, \$52 million is left. Annually we pay \$12-13 million on the bonds, which will be paid off in Sept. 2019.
 - Executive Director of Operations David Jackson spoke on the overall condition of the district facilities. Mr. Jackson and Howard & Helmer Architecture firm have worked together over the past year gathering data on the condition of our current facilities including deferred maintenance costs of foundations, roofs, HVAC, parking lots, flooring and athletic complexes. In order to repair deferred maintenance projects in the district, it would cost approximately \$17.5 million. It's important to know that this number is very low when comparing it to the value of the school district buildings, which is over \$200 million. Also with the current state of funding, it is nearly impossible to maintain these types of repairs and not reduce funding to the classroom. We are not the only district in this condition.
 - Howard & Helmer Architecture firm shared an example of how the district might go about conducting a comprehensive community engagement process to determine the future vision for Andover facilities. To see their report, please visit BoardDocs.
- The Board gave their blessing to Administration to proceed with a community engagement process to explore the future vision of Andover Public Schools.