

Board of Education Meeting Notes

Jan. 11, 2016

- Recognitions
 - KSDE Horizon Award Winner
 - Kelly McMains, first grade teacher at Prairie Creek Elementary, was named a 2016 Horizon Award winner. This award recognizes exemplary first-year educators. Thirty-two first-year educators from around the state received this distinction and Kelly will be honored at a special ceremony during the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network State Education Conference on Feb. 19 in Topeka.
 - 2015 4A State Girls Tennis Coach of the Year
 - Janet Glaser, ACHS Girls Tennis Coach, was named the 4A State Girls Tennis Coach of the year by the State Tennis Coaches Association. Janet has been the girls tennis coach at Andover Central High School for two years. Under her leadership, the ACHS girl's tennis team finished the season by placing second in the state finals.
 - 2015 KASB & KanSPRA Publications Awards
 - The Communication Department, consisting of Nicole Gibbs, Alainna Broomes and Alice Collins, were awarded two Certificates of Excellence in the Kansas Association of School Boards and Kansas School Public Relations Association 2015 Publications Competition. The contest recognizes the top publications produced by Kansas school districts, cooperatives and vocational technical schools. Over 140 entries were submitted from around the state in 10 different categories. Our department received two of only 15 perfect 10s for their work on the *Andover Update* and *Award Winning Andover Public Schools*. The other four entries they submitted were recognized with Certificates of Merit.
 - Board Appreciation Month
 - The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month and gives us the chance to say thank you! We are very fortunate to have board members committed to providing an excellent education for every child in our community. The job of a school board member is tough, the hours long and the thanks few and far between. We are truly grateful for all they do for Andover Public Schools. Students & staff from around the district created artwork and brought treats to show their appreciation.
- Public Comments
 - Serena Gesell addressed the Board regarding her concerns regarding contracting transportation services.
- Reports
 - STUCO Reports
 - Lyndsay Goodman, Andover High School Student Council Vice President, and Brynнан Norris, Andover Central High School Student Council BOE Liaison, gave presentations on current school activities as well as an update on winter sports.
 - Andover Education Association Report
 - AEA President Kim Hett gave an update on association activities. To see this presentation, please visit BoardDocs.
 - Andover Schools Mobile App
 - ***District Goal: Communication- Provide communication that is purposeful and timely***
 - Director of Communication Nicole Gibbs introduced the Andover Schools mobile app. The Andover Schools custom mobile app allows patrons to have district information readily accessible at their fingertips. Patrons can download the Andover Schools app for [Android](#) and [Apple](#) systems. To see the report, please visit BoardDocs.
 - Custodial Efficiency Plan/Report
 - ***District Goal: Fiscal Responsibility- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effectively utilize facilities***

- President Melinda Fritze is planning to attend the KSDE Advocacy Meeting and invited other members to join her.
- Vice President Josh Wells spoke on ASA Strategic Funding partnering with the Andover Advantage Foundation. He also reminded the Board of the Governor's State of the State address given on Jan. 12.
- Member Marci Fugarino gave no report.
- Member Carly Haynes gave no report.
- Member Linda Hope gave no report.
- Member Scott Wilson will be attending Reality U at Andover Middle School.