

Board of Education Meeting Notes
Feb. 8, 2016

- Recognitions
 - 2016 Scholastic Art Award Winners
 - Liz Snyder, an 8th grader at ACMS and Tiffany Chan, a 7th grader at AMS, were named Gold Key Winners in the 2016 Scholastic Art Award competition. The Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition showcases select artwork created by middle school and high school students and is the largest and longest-running recognition program for young artists in the USA. Liz and Tiffany will be honored at a Gold Key Scholarship Reception March 6 at Wichita Center for the Arts, where their artwork is now on display.
 - 2016 All-State Band & Orchestra
 - Andover & Andover Central High Schools had 11 students named to the 2016 All-State Band, Jazz Band and Orchestra. From Andover High School: Colin Wreath, Carson Danks, Connor Guthridge, Nate Bergman and Hannah Steinert. From Andover Central High School: Olivia Parker, Ethan Herring, Krista Everhart, Amanda Perez, Grant Karber and Stephanie Ng. The KMEA All-State groups perform each year at the annual In-Service Workshop at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. Students are selected via a rigorous audition process that starts at the district level. This year's performances are Feb. 27.
 - 2016 All-State Choir
 - ACHS had four students named to the 2016 All-State Choir. Rhian Granger, Abigail Griffin, Jessica Shirley and Julia Tarbox will perform with the KMEA All-State Choir at the In-Service Workshop at Century II on Feb. 27. Choir members have a rigorous series of auditions to select the finest vocalists in the state to perform.
- Reports
 - STUCO Reports
 - McKenzie Martin, AHS, and Quinn O'Conner, ACHS gave a brief report regarding current activities and winter sports at each of their schools.
 - Andover Education Association Report
 - AEA President Kim Hett gave an update on association activities. To see this presentation, please visit BoardDocs.
 - CATIA Class Presentation
 - This year, in partnership with Wichita State University, the high schools in Andover became the first high schools to offer CATIA classes. Commonly referred to as a 3D Product Lifecycle Management software suite, CATIA supports multiple stages of product development, including conceptualization, design, engineering and manufacturing. AHS Teacher Mark Cross along with CATIA students provided the board with an overview of the class and their projects.
 - Andover Data Dashboard: Winter Results
 - Asst. Superintendent Jill Lachenmayr and Asst. Superintendent Brett White gave an update on the Andover Data Dashboard winter results. The Data Dashboard helps our district monitor our progress in achieving the District Goals of Student Achievement, Educator Effectiveness and Culture and Climate. To see the results, please visit BoardDocs.
 - Budget Process Update
 - Business Manager Sherame Kneisel gave a brief update on the current budget process. Last year we conducted an extensive budget review. We will not be conducting as extensive of review this year, but are continually watching legislative action and state revenues. We have worked hard to proactively plan and implement efficiencies in our budget. As of right now, we are not anticipating any major budget issues in planning for the 2016-17 school year. This will continually be reviewed and analyzed.

- Discussion
 - Board Policy Review
 - Kansas Association of School Boards periodically provides districts with policy revisions and proposed new policies that require attention regarding or relating to state mandates or legislative action. Twenty-nine policies were available for a first read and will be voted on in March. To see the policies, please visit Board Docs.
- Action Items
 - Contract with Durham School Services L.P. for Transportation Services
 - We have concluded that contracting our transportation services is an excellent option. With contracting, we will be able to enhance services, upgrade the bus fleet, add staff and increase employee hourly wages while not increasing district costs. Last month, the Board gave their approval to enter negotiations with the finalists and Durham School Services was selected as the preferred provider. The Board authorized district staff and legal counsel to enter into final contract negotiations with Durham to provide transportation services beginning July 2016 with a carried motion of 5-2. A final contract will be brought to the Board in March.
 - Comprehensive Facilities Study - Agreement with Schaefer, Johnson, Cox and Frey
 - Last fall after receiving a report on our current facilities, the district decided to initiate a community engagement process to establish a vision and long range plan for the future of our district facilities. In Dec., an RFQ to conduct a comprehensive facilities study was sent and two of those firms, Schaefer, Johnson, Cox and Fry (SJCF) and Howard & Helmer (H&H) were interviewed in Jan. 2016. The interview team recommended that the district employ SJCF to facilitate the process. The motion carried 7-0 and the district hosted a kick-off meeting on Feb. 9 to start the comprehensive study. As it comes available, more information will be shared at that time.
 - 2016-17 Proposed District Calendar
 - Asst. Superintendent Brett White presented the final version of the 2016-17 District professional calendar. The only change from the calendar presented last month was the enrollment dates for new and returning students were switched. New student enrollment will be on Friday, Aug. 5 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00-4:00 p.m. The motion carried 6-1.
- Reports
 - Superintendent Report
 - Superintendent Greg Rasmussen reported on the following issues:
 - Congratulations to Dr. Kristen Kuhlmann being named the principal of AHS starting in the 2016-17 school year. Dr. Kuhlmann comes to Andover with 13 years of leadership in secondary curriculum and professional learning.
 - Mark your calendars for the Board Retreat on June 7, 2016.
 - Board Report
 - President Melinda Fritze spoke on Educate Andover, voter registration and mail-in ballots. The voter registration form is available online. If you live in Butler County, you can request your mail-in ballot for the next election now and in Sedgwick County, after April 1.
 - Vice President Josh Wells spoke on the music concert he attended for Wheatland Elementary and its success. Mr. Wells spoke on participation in the Prairie Fire Marathon races and AAF's spring event *The Truck Stops Here* scheduled for May 1. AAF received 81 grant applications from staff and will be working through the grant application process.
 - Member Matt Forney enjoyed the CATIA presentation and the partnership with WSU. He also spoke on upcoming opportunities through WSU for high school students.
 - Member Marci Fugarino gave no report.
 - Member Carly Haynes gave no report
 - Member Linda Hope and a committee she sits on will meet with Butler County InterLocal Special Education director to talk about best ways to serve district members and students.
 - Member Scott Wilson visited an AMS fitness class and spoke with legislators on current issues and felt his thoughts and conversations were well received.