

Board of Education Meeting Notes
March 7, 2016

- Recognitions
 - 2016 5A Wrestling State Champion
 - Paul Stuart of Andover High School won the 2016 5A Wrestling state championship title in the 132 lbs. division. Paul has won the state wrestling championship for the 2nd year in a row!
 - 2016 5A Wrestling State Coach of the Year
 - Andover High School wrestling coach Brett Fiene was named the 2016 5A Wrestling Coach of the Year by the Kansas Wrestling Officials Association. Coach Fiene led his team to the 5-A state championship with five state placers, two finalists and one two-time state champion.
 - 2016 4A State Scholars Bowl Champions
 - Andover Central High School was named the 2016 4A State Scholars Bowl Champions.
 - AHS Thespian Troupe #3540 - Gold Honor Troupe Award
 - Andover High School Thespian Troupe #3540 received the Gold Honor Troupe Award from Kansas Thespians for the second year in a row. This award is earned by achieving a set number of shows, events, image boosting projects, fundraisers, community service projects, and other activities.
 - Amelia Flores' Soles4Souls Shoe Drive
 - AHS senior Amelia Flores started a shoe drive for Soles4Souls in the fall that has gained national recognition. Her goal was to collect 2,000 pairs of new or gently used shoes for people in need in an effort to combat poverty. Flores was able to donate shoes to students in need at Jardine Middle School in Wichita USD 259 on Feb. 19, 2016. Amelia will also be taking a summer trip to distribute shoes abroad.
- Reports
 - STUCO Reports
 - Lyndsay Goodman, Andover High School Student Council Vice President, and Brynнан Norris, Andover Central High School Student Council BOE Liason, 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.
 - School Safety Update
 - ***District Goal: Culture and Climate- Provide a positive and safe enviornment to optimize student and staff success***
 - Executive Director of Operations David Jackson gave an update on school safety. The Safety Committee meets four times per year to analyze the safety of students and staff at buildings and throughout the district. To see the report, please visit BoardDocs.
- Discussion
 - BOE Policy Review- First Read
 - 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. Eight policies were available for a first read and will be voted on in April. To see the policies, please visit Board Docs.
 - 2016-17 Student Fees and Facilities Usage Fees Review
 - Business Manager Sherame Kneisel presented the proposed student and facilities usage fees. Reviewed annually, it was recommended to not make any changes to student fees, except for food service meal prices. The district will not know if any changes will be required to meal pricing until after all state and federal requirements are known. Administration has also looked at facility use fees which have not been changed in many

years. The facility use committee, along with administration, recommended fee changes for use of our facilities. These fees were available for a first read and will be voted on in April.

- High School Math Resources
 - **District Goal: Fiscal Responsibility- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effectively utilize facilities, Student Achievement- Increase student learning through the implementation of Kansas College and Career Ready Standards**
 - Assistant Superintendent Jill Lachenmayr spoke on the three math courses remaining for textbook consideration: Intermediate Algebra: Pearson Intermediate Algebra - College Edition; Pre Calculus and Discrete Math (PDM): Pre Calculus by Larson, Cengage Learning and Calculus: Calculus 10e AP Edition by Larson and Edwards, Cengage Learning. College Algebra and Applied Statistics, are dual credit courses and students are responsible for purchasing their textbook through Butler Community College. Implementation is planned for the 2016-2017 school year and the cost will be approximately \$75,000.
- Proposed 2016-17 Student Handbooks
 - **District Goal: Communications- Provide communication that is purposeful and timely**
 - Assistant Superintendent Brett White gave an overview of the proposed changes for the 2016-17 student handbooks. These were available for a first read and will go for approval in April. A synopsis of the changes and the revised versions can be found on BoardDocs.
- Action Items
 - Resolution 15-16-09 Cost of Living
 - Business Manager Sherame Kneisel spoke on the Cost of Living (COL) Resolution. The COL levy gives districts who meet eligibility under KSA 72-6449 the ability to authorize a levy of local funds through property tax, up to 5% of the district's General Fund authorization. There is no State Aid provided for COL. Andover USD 385 is currently one of 20 districts in the state that qualifies for the Cost of Living Levy. To be eligible, the district average appraised value of a home must be greater than the state average appraised value and must have a Local Option Budget (LOB) authorization of 31% or greater. Andover is currently eligible for the full 5% of General Fund authorization. It is not a requirement that all or any of these funds be levied, but it provides the option for funding if we experience a reduction in state funding for the 2016-17 school year. The motion carried 5-2.
 - Transportation Contract with Durham School Services, L.P.
 - **District Goal: Fiscal Responsibility- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effectively utilize facilities**
 - Executive Director of Operations David Jackson and Business Manager Sherame Kneisel presented the final transportation contract for services to begin July 1, 2016. The completed contract and supporting documentation for contracting with Durham School Services, L.P. was presented to the Board for approval. The motion carried 5-2.
- Reports
 - Superintendent Report
 - Superintendent Greg Rasmussen reported on the following issues:
 - The Comprehensive Facilities Study meetings are kicking off this week with our Education Specifications teams and the Steering Committee.
 - SuperSAT took a trip to Topeka on March 3 and met with officials and Governor Brownback.
 - Reminder: BOE Workshop on March 28 - 4:00 at the Andover eCademy
 - The application to nominate for the BOE Outstanding Service Awards is open until March 11. The BOE Outstanding Service Awards & Retirement Reception is May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at ACMS.
 - Board Report
 - President Melinda Fritze gave no report.
 - Vice President Josh Wells submitted the following statement:

- "I am proud of the constant work our finance/budget and operating teams do to find efficiencies and continually improve on our ability to deliver world-class education in Andover. I'm also proud of our ability to set a budget each year and live/operate within that budget. It's proof of our commitment to our patrons and taxpayers to be transparent and fiscally responsible, while providing the right tools and creating the right environment for our students to succeed.

"I am proud of our teachers, staff, and administrators who continue to quietly do their jobs in the face of the constant character attacks from groups at all levels. Meanwhile our students, the ones who we should consider most important in this equation, continue to succeed in the classroom and beyond. That, alone, speaks volumes to the dedication we have to world-class education in Andover.

"I am saddened that our state leaders are focused on continuing to remove the authority of local governments to make their own budget decision. After all, these are the same state leaders who constantly push back on our federal leaders in Congress and in the White House when they feel the federal government is trying to take too much control of state government.

"And finally, we have a proven track record of setting a budget and successfully operating within our budget in Andover. At the state level, our leaders have not been able to accomplish that. In my opinion, they should worry about fixing their own budget dysfunction before trying to tell local governments (who, by the way are succeeding where the state is failing) how to run our business."

- Member Matt Forney gave no report.
- Member Marci Fugarino spoke on the Cost of Living resolution and feels this is a great option to support the school budget.
- Member Carly Haynes reported that the South Central Kansas Service Center met last week and they are working to share information on voter registration.
- Member Linda Hope spoke on her attendance at the Butler County caucus.
- Member Scott Wilson gave no report.