

Board of Education Meeting Notes

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- Recognitions
 - AHS Dance Team Honors
 - The Trojanettes competed at the American Dance and Drill team competition this winter. The team won the Sweepstakes Award (Division 1 Ratings on all team routines), the Gussie Nell Davis Award of Excellence (scores of 90 and above from every judge on every team routine), the Judges Award for Jazz, Judges Award for Hip Hop, Judges Award for Contemporary, Best Overall Presentation Award, Best Overall Precision Award Kansas Winners Circle, and the Best of the Best Award. The group is coached by Kate Gangel. Individual awards went to Emily Stybr for the Solo Winners Circle and Michelle Frish and Madeline Dixon for the Duet Winners Circle.
 - ACHS Dance Team Honors
 - The Lady Jags competed at the Kansas Spectacular Dance Competition and the team received the “Best of the Best” Award and was placed in the Kansas Winner's Circle for the second year. The team won the Wow Factor Award for Team Hip-hop, Judges Award for Team Jazz, Judges Award for Team Lyrical, Judges Award for Team Hip Hop, Sweepstakes, a Superior 1 Rating, Best In Class, the Gussie Nell David Award (Score of 90 and above on all team dances), Best Overall Technique, Best Overall Precision, Best Overall Choreography, and Officer's Division 1 Rating. The team is coached by Jenna Armagost. Individual awards went to Annie Kruse and Maggie Mace for the Solo Winner's Circle. The Lady Jags qualified for nationals and were asked to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
 - KMEA All-State Elementary Honor Choir Members
 - This is the first year that KMEA has had a state elementary honor choir. The All-State Elementary Choir audition process was handled via mp3 recorded auditions that were then submitted online. Out of 595 Kansas students who auditioned, 160 vocalists were chosen for the choir, including seven from Andover schools. The Elementary choir is open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students who are enrolled in their school music program. From Prairie Creek Elementary: Natalie Moore, Mia Johnston and Noah Sickman and from Robert Martin Elementary: Katelyn Aune, Maisy Blanton, Emiley Gonda and Payten Remington.
 - Kansas Master Teacher Winner
 - Ray Linville was named a 2016 Master Teacher by Emporia State University. Providing instrumental instruction in grades 5-12 at five separate buildings with class sizes as high as 100-200 students, the students and bands under his direction continually receive superior rankings in competitions. He is much-deserving of this award.
- 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 spring sports.
 - Andover Education Association Report
 - AEA President Kim Hett gave an update on association activities. To see this presentation, please visit BoardDocs.
 - Strategic Communications Plan
 - ***District Goal: Communication- Provide communication that is purposeful and timely***
 - Director of Communication Nicole Gibbs gave an update on the strategic communication plan. Parents, community members, administrators and staff worked together to develop this 5+ year plan that outlines internal communication, external communication, website

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& social media, recruiting & advertising and crisis communication. This report was given in conjunction with Marketing/Communications Committee members Hollie Ricke, Whitney Ward and Michelle Wickham. To see the presentation, please visit BoardDocs.

- Discussion
 - 2016-17 Proposed Faculty Handbooks, Classified Handbook, & Administrator Handbook
 - **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 faculty, classified and administrator handbooks. These were available for a first read and will go for approval in May. A synopsis of the changes and the revised versions can be found on BoardDocs.
- Action Items
 - Print Services Contract
 - **District Goal: Fiscal Responsibility- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effectively utilize facilities**
 - Director of Technology Stacy Hudson, Director of Communication Nicole Gibbs and Business Manager Sherame Kneisel spoke on Print Services. Xerox has been the district provider for copy equipment and services and managing the bulk of district printers district-wide for the last five years. As the current contract ends this fiscal year, print services needs of the district have been explored not only to meet existing requirements, but to look for opportunities for new efficiencies. This research and analysis of current practice, requirements and new options for print and copy services started September 2015 and resulted in the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) February 2016. Proposals were received in March and interviews with all three respondents were conducted. Proposals included recommendations for equipment, management services and options for a document management solution. At the end of the process, Konica Minolta was selected to take over Andover Public Schools print services. The motion carried 7-0.
 - 2016-17 Certified Staffing Recommendation
 - Assistant Superintendent Brett White spoke on the certified staffing recommendation for 2016-17. Overall, the district is planning for an increase of .17 FTE district wide. This will add one class section at the high school level. To see the breakdown from each level and projected enrollments for 2016-17, please visit BoardDocs. The motion carried 7-0.
 - District Stadium Turf Replacement
 - **District Goal: Fiscal Responsibility- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effectively utilize facilities**
 - The District has been working with FieldTurf, the company that installed the current turf at District Stadium, to agree on a resolution to the deteriorating condition of our turf material. The current turf has also been evaluated through independent G-Max testing, which determines the hardness of the playing field. The district has found that the current turf would be safe to continue use for another year, but not optimum and the current proposal from FieldTurf is a significant savings that would not be captured if we wait another year for replacement. The proposal includes removal and disposal of current turf material and complete installation of new turf material and the addition of the district logo. The proposal from FieldTurf for replacement of the existing turf at District Stadium will cost \$286,849, financing the cost through a lease purchase agreement with Intrust Bank over a five year term. The motion carried 6-1.
 - High School Boys' Swimming Program for 2016-17 School Year

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- Assistant Superintendent Brett White spoke on the proposal to add a high school boys swimming program for 2016-17. The District has offered high school girls' swimming since 2000. At that time, one combined team was started for both ACHS and AHS. This year, the girls' team split into two high school specific teams. As interest in swimming has grown, many questions about boys' swimming came up again this winter. The high school athletic directors surveyed boys in grades 8-11 and also held informational meetings with interested students to explore the possibility of beginning a boys swimming team. At this point, it is believed there are approximately 25 boys interested in swimming to begin a combined team for the 2016-17 school year. Boys' swimming is a winter sport and would practice in the evening at the YMCA at no cost. Estimated costs, depending on the number of students and number of meets scheduled, would be between \$9,000-\$12,000. The motion carried 7-0.
- Reports
 - Board Report
 - President Melinda Fritze reported the BOE Outstanding Service Awards ceremony will be May 2. She is working to integrate members in the actual event by offering awards and shaking hands. Educate Andover, Andover Chamber and Butler County Farm Bureau are bringing Supreme Court judges to Andover City Hall on April 16 at 2:00 p.m.
 - Vice President Josh Wells spoke on print services and how the district is continuing to find innovative ways to use school dollars efficiently. He is hoping the state will find a solution to the budget crisis so we can move on together. eCademy hosted BOE two weeks ago and had thoughts on possible on-location meetings. The Andover Advantage Foundation Truck Stops Here event will be May 1, 12-3 p.m. Free admission and a new mission area that will showcase items that have been granted to teachers.
 - Member Matt Forney wished Mr. Bob Bair well on his retirement.
 - Member Marci Fugarino had no report.
 - Member Carly Haynes reminded voters to review their selections due to recent data. She also reported that Wichita USD 259 will not take out of district students for their IB program and feels we need to start looking into such programs.
 - Member Linda Hope had no report.
 - Member Scott Wilson spoke on the comprehensive facility study. Over the last month, there have been 7 meetings with 170 community, parent and staff volunteers involved.