

Board of Education Meeting Notes

April 10, 2017

- Recognitions
 - 2017 KMEA All-State Elementary Honor Choir Members
 - Eighteen Robert Martin, Cottonwood and Prairie Creek Elementary students were selected to be members of the 2017 Kansas Music Education Association All-State Elementary Honor Choir. Students from Robert Martin Elementary include Katelyn Aune, Emma Ludolph, Sophie Thiessen, Nicole Winter, Xin-Yan Chan, Avery Vogt, Gabrielle Kanagy and Madeline McCarthy. Cottonwood students are Sophia Benton, Carley Tucker and Gabrielle Day and Prairie Creek students include Alex Trudel, Scarlette Haviland, Kilian Kelley, JT Short, Addison VanDever, Nicole Crawford and Korbin Hedger.
 - 2017 KMEA All-State Band Members
 - Eight Andover Central and Andover High School students were selected to be members of the 2017 Kansas Music Education Association All-State Band & Jazz Band. The eight students are Connor Guthridge, Nate Bergman, Hannah Steinert, Colin Wreath and Jericho Jones from Andover High School and Amanda Perez, Claire Rogers and Gehrig Hett from Andover Central High School.
 - 2017 Champion in Education Award
 - Caitlin Linck of Robert Martin Elementary was awarded the 2017 Champion in Education Award by the Down Syndrome Society of Wichita.
 - Andover Police Department Officer of the Year
 - Andover School Resource Officer Heath Kintzel was named the 2017 Andover Police Officer of the Year by the Andover Police Department.
 - 2017 USD 385 Kansas Teacher of the Year Nominees
 - Meghan Chapman, 3rd-grade teacher at Robert Martin Elementary, and Heather Hawkins, media specialist at Andover Central Middle School, are the 2017 USD 385 Kansas Teacher of the Year nominees.
- Reports
 - STUCO Reports
 - Nathan Hammar, Andover High School Student Council President, and Brooklyn Jamison, 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
 - President Kim Hett from the Andover Education Association gave the board a brief report on association activities. [Click here to see the presentation on BoardDocs.](#)
 - Budget Update
 - Business Manager, Sherame Kneisel presented an informational update on the 2017-18 Budget including current consideration in the legislature. [Click here to see the Budget Update.](#)
 - eCademy & USD 385 Secondary Schools Student Transfer Guidelines & Alternative Education Exploration
 - Assistant Superintendent Brett White & eCademy Principal Mark Templin reported on the eCademy & USD 385 secondary schools student transfer guidelines and alternative education exploration. The committee met throughout the 2016-17 school year and will continue meeting during the first semester of the 2017-18 year to learn more about best practices in alternative education. [Click here to view the guidelines.](#)
- Discussion Items
 - 2017-18 Proposed Faculty Handbook, Classified Handbook & Administrator Handbook

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- **District Goals:** *Culture and Climate* - Provide a positive and safe environment to optimize student and staff success. *Communications* - Provide communication that is purposeful and timely
- Assistant Superintendent Brett White gave an overview of the proposed 2017-18 faculty handbook, classified handbook & administrator handbook. This year one certified staff faculty handbook was developed for the district, rather than one per level. The recommendation for classified staff is to add two days of holiday pay over spring break for 12 month classified staff and one day for 9-11 month classified employees. The BOE will vote on these handbooks and changes in May. [Click here to see the proposed handbooks on BoardDocs.](#)
- Action Items
 - 2017-18 Elementary, eCademy & Supplemental Positions Staffing Recommendation
 - **District Goals:** *Fiscal Responsibility* - Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effectively utilize facilities. *Student Achievement* - Increase student learning through the implementation of Kansas College and Career Ready Standards. *Educator Effectiveness* - Ensure high quality instruction in every classroom by fostering professional effectiveness
 - Assistant Superintendent Brett White shared the elementary, eCademy & supplementals staffing recommendation for 2017-18. The recommendation is to approve .6 "new" FTE. The elementary FTE would increase by 1.0 and eCademy would reduce its FTE by .4, resulting in the .6 increase in total FTE for elementary and eCademy. In addition, the recommendation calls for reinstatements of some of the supplemental positions that were cut years ago. [Click here to view the recommendations.](#)
- Reports
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Superintendent Greg Rasmussen reported on the following items:
 - Next steps with the May 9 Bond Issue
 - Bond Issue Informational Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 11 at ACHS and April 17 at AHS in the Auditoriums.
 - The Board of Education Employee Recognition/Retirement will be held in conjunction with the Outstanding Service Awards celebration at 7:00 p.m. on May 1 at ACHS.
 - Congrats to Traci Holder for being named the new principal at RMES. He also thanked Dr. Crystal Hummel for her years of service to the district students, staff and patrons.
 - He enjoyed the great drama performances at ACHS and AHS last weekend.
 - SuperSAT is visiting WSU on April 18 to tour the Innovation Campus.
 - Board Report
 - President Melinda Fritze enjoyed the Emporia State Master Teacher event recognizing Kim Hett of Andover eCademy. Thanked Members Matt Forney & Linda Hope for their work with the scholarship recipients.
 - Vice President Josh Wells enjoyed the PTO event at Wheatland.
 - Member Marci Fugarino gave no report.
 - Member Carly Haynes gave no report.
 - Member Linda Hope attended the Special Education InterLocal Coop meeting last month and talked about new supreme court ruling.
 - Member Scott Wilson gave no report.