

**Board of Education Notes**  
**8-13-2018**



- **Budget hearing**
  - The board heard Sherame Kneisel, business manager, present information on the proposed 2018-19 budget. The proposed budget keeps the mill levy the same as the 2017-18 school year. The board later unanimously approved the budget.
  
- **Recognitions**
  - The board recognized Emily Johnson, eighth-grader at Andover Middle School, for having her artwork selected as the overall winner in the Kansas State Department of Education Conference Cover Art Design Contest.
  - The board recognized Johnna Smith, Andover Middle School art teacher, for being named Overall Kansas Outstanding Art Educator for 2018-19 by the Kansas Art Education Association.
  
- Heard a report from Kim Hett, president of the Andover Education Association, who announced the Association's new Executive Board and Bargaining Team, as well as a [new website](#) that is nearing completion.
  
- Heard an update on bond issue construction projects.
  - Elementary expansion and renovation projects, as well as playgrounds, are complete at Robert Martin, Wheatland, Sunflower, Cottonwood and Prairie Creek.
  - Drawings have been completed for the new Andover High School, with bids expected in September.
  - After bids were received on Andover Central High expansions and renovations, a guaranteed maximum price by Hutton Construction of \$9.25 million was set, which was approximately \$1.1 million under the estimated budget. The board later approved the guaranteed maximum price for Hutton to proceed with the project.
  - Work on the drive near the District Stadium and Cottonwood Elementary is complete.
  
- Heard a report from Superintendent Brett White, including:
  - Plans for a board workshop at 4 p.m. Sept. 17, when board members will tour recently completed elementary school bond projects.
  - Highlights from recent professional learning and Opening Assembly.
  - A proposed timeline for filling the vacant BOE seat.