

**Andover Board of Education Notes**  
**Sept. 12, 2022**

**Good News:** The Board recognized James Harris, speech and debate teacher/coach at Andover High School, for being inducted into the Kansas Speech Communications Association Hall of Fame.

**BCC partnership:** Dr. Kim Krull, president of Butler Community College, spoke to the Board to show appreciation for the strong partnerships between the district and BCC.

**Summer school:** Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, and several principals presented on [summer school experiences](#) provided through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund.

**Transportation update:** Richard Bell, executive director of operations, [provided an update](#) on the district's transportation fleet, ridership and other highlights to begin the school year.

**Enrollment and staffing:** Jeremy Boldra, assistant superintendent for human resources, provided a preliminary report on [enrollment](#) and [staffing](#) for the fall. Non-virtual enrollment is down approximately 25 students compared to fall 2021. Enrollment figures will not be official until after Sept. 20, and then are audited in spring 2023.

**Board position:** The Board voted on a finalist pool to fill the vacancy left by Melinda Fritze's resignation. The finalists were selected from the candidates the Board interviewed during a special meeting earlier in the afternoon. Finalists that will be interviewed a second time are Megan Kice, Jake Ashley, Pierre Harter and Matt Neibling.

**Superintendent's report:** Superintendent Brett White told the Board that staff appreciation breakfasts at each school and department will be provided by Credit Union of America. He highlighted the most recent episode of the Andover Airwaves podcast featuring former Prairie Creek Principal Shelley Jonas and current Principal Shawn Springer talking about the tornado recovery process.