

Andover Board of Education Notes
Nov. 14, 2022

Good News: Board members recognized the Andover High School girls tennis team, which won its second consecutive 5A state championship in October. The team is coached by Stephen Alexander and Mark Cross.

Next, the Board recognized the Andover Central High School doubles team of Maya Chon and Bryer Geoffroy, who won the 5A state doubles championship. The girls are coached by Janet Glaser and Jaren Glaser.

The Board recognized the district's two nominees for the 2023 Kansas Horizon Award. They are Cassidy Meins, third-grade teacher at Wheatland Elementary School, and Levi Wyrick, a physical education teacher at Andover Central Middle School. Statewide winners will be announced in January.

Finally, Board members honored the district's nominees for 2024 Kansas Teacher of the Year. They are Amanda DuFrain, first-grade teacher at Wheatland Elementary, and Sarah Koehn, theater teacher at Andover High School. Regional finalists will be announced in March, with the Kansas Teacher of the Year named in September 2023.

Spotlight on Learning: Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent of academic affairs, [presented an update](#) on the Andover Data Dashboard, which has been reorganized to help showcase progress toward the district's two KESA goals. The district is working toward an accreditation visit that will occur in spring 2025. The two goals are improving reading proficiency and increasing preparation for postsecondary success.

Capital outlay: Sherame Kneisel, chief financial officer, presented an update on the district's [capital outlay plan](#) for 2022-23. The plan includes small allocations for most schools related to technology items and equipment. Allocations and projects are very limited this year due to cash flow as the district recovers from the April 2022 tornado.

Proposed calendar: Jeremy Boldra, assistant superintendent for human resources, presented a [proposed 2023-24 academic calendar](#), which includes a five-day break during Thanksgiving week. The Board will consider action on the calendar during its December meeting.

Road assessment: The Board approved spending \$478,846.50 for widening of Andover Road near Andover Middle, Andover High and Cottonwood Elementary schools.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Brett White provided an update on the award ceremony for Cottonwood Elementary being named a National Blue Ribbon School, and a summary of the Kansas Association of School Boards visit to the district on Nov. 11.