

**Andover Board of Education Notes**  
**March 7, 2022**

**Good news:** The Board recognized the Andover Central High School Scholars Bowl team for winning the 5A state championship in February. This was the second consecutive state championship for the Jaguars. Team members were Jacob Norris, Jun Byun, Drew Friesen, Ayman Hemed, Alex Ritter and Garrett Kane. They are coached by Brent Ruggles.

Board members recognized the ACHS boys swimming team for winning the 5-1A state championship in February. This also was their second consecutive state championship. Coached by Allison Craig, team members were P.J. Damico, Lucas Krueger, Beau Blankenship, Noah Krueger, Jackson Lee, Ethan Finney, Ayden Fooshee, Brian Nguyen and Xavier Van Hiel.

**Bond update:** Jeff Hohnbaum of Hutton updated the Board on progress of the new District Office, which is nearing completion.

**Summer school update:** Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, provided an [update on summer learning opportunities](#), which will be funded through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). Summer school will be offered in June for elementary and middle school students who qualify for extra assistance. In addition, a JumpStart program will be offered in July to students at the Title 1 schools (Prairie Creek Elementary and Cottonwood Elementary). Credit recovery opportunities will be offered in May and June for high school students who have failed courses.

**Student handbooks:** Dr. Russell Miller, assistant superintendent for human resources, presented proposed 2022-23 student handbooks. He reported that there were minimal changes for the handbooks and that they would be brought back to the Board for approval in April.

**Student fee proposal:** Sherame Kneisel, chief financial officer, presented proposed fees for the 2022-23 school year. Proposed changes included:

- Family Athletic Pass \$200 (increase of \$25) to align with increases in league gate admission prices. The last increase was in 2018-19.
- Transportation Fee for Students Within 2.5 Miles - Student fee \$275 (increase of \$25) / Family Fee \$400 (increase of \$50). The last increase was in 2015-16. Since that time, transportation costs have increased over 16%, and are projected to increase 2.75% annually for the next 3 years. The transportation fee covers less than half of the actual cost of transporting students who reside within 2.5 miles of their campus, but the district supports continuing to provide this service.
- Course fee adjustments to the following classes: Auto, Metals, Welding \$35 (increase of \$5) due to increased supply costs.
- Potential Food Service student meal price increase. The District must comply with federal & state regulations concerning our meal reimbursement. In order to stay in compliance with federal calculation formulas, Andover is required to meet certain pricing standards which may result in an increase for prices next year. Any increases will be presented for Board approval should the need arise.
- Potential increase for adult meal prices. This is also contingent on USDA federal severe need regulations and will be presented for Board approval should the need arise.

**District Office furniture:** The Board voted to approve spending \$152,109.71 with John A. Marshall Co. for desks, soft seating, tables and other furniture for the new District Office. This is Phase I of furniture for the new offices; Phase 2 will include chairs, conference tables and remaining seating and will be presented in April for Board approval.

**Superintendent's report:** Superintendent Brett White reported that Staff Appreciation Week is May 2-6. The district is hosting staff breakfast at each building throughout the fourth quarter to celebrate and recognize staff for outstanding work. The Kansas State Department of Education Virtual Conference was held Feb. 14-15 at the Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies. High School graduations are approaching, with eCademy at 6:30 p.m. May 12, ACHS at 1 p.m. May 15 and AHS at 4:30, also on May 15.