

Andover Board of Education Notes
November 8, 2021

Good News: The Board recognized the Andover High School girls tennis team for winning the 5A state championship. Coached by Stephen Alexander, the state team consisted of Brooke Walker, Anna Jittawait, Annabelle Tantemsomboon, Hannah Pappademus, Molly Gaddis and Sarah Sinclair.

Kari Schmidt, third-grade teacher at Meadowlark Elementary School, was recognized for being the district's elementary-level nominee for the Kansas Horizon Award. The award goes to outstanding teachers who are in their second year in the classroom.

Allison Weide, fourth-grade teacher at Meadowlark Elementary School, was recognized for being the district's nominee for Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Bond update: Members of the bond construction team provided an update on District Office progress. The structural steel work at the site is complete. Curbs and gutters are being installed. Crews are expected to have the building dried in in about 3 weeks. Estimated completion time currently is around June 1.

Remote Learning update: Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, several teachers and principals highlighted the district's current remote learning practices. They also discussed state legislation regarding remote learning and how it affects the district. Administrators are going to begin conversations with Site Councils, Student Councils and educators about if and how to move forward with remote learning. Administrators are expecting to bring a recommendation to the Board in December for any changes to begin second semester.

Proposed calendar: Dr. Russell Miller, assistant superintendent for human resources, presented a [proposed 2022-23 academic calendar](#). The calendar will be brought back to the Board in December for consideration.

Capital outlay: Sherame Kneisel, chief financial officer, presented a proposed [Capital Outlay plan](#) for the 2021-22 school year. The plan will be brought back to the Board in December for consideration.

Approval of financial report: The Board approved the [FY 2020-21 annual audit report](#) as presented by Clayton Hubbel of BFR, LLC.

Approval of Andover Road improvement items: Board members approved a [series of items](#) related to right of way, utility easement, drainage easement and temporary construction easement needed to widen Andover Road during the summer of 2022.

Meadowlark water line: Board members approved spending \$211,493.50 with the City of Andover for final approval of water lines to serve Meadowlark Elementary School.

District Office core: The Board approved spending \$293,195.51 with Converge One to plan, design, stage, configure, install and validate the new Internet core for the district at the new District Office.

Supplemental bond projects: Board members allocated approximately \$2.4 million for [supplemental bond projects](#). These projects were made possible as a result of bond interest proceeds and remaining

funds from the initial bond issue. Items for consideration were submitted by district and building administration.

ESSER funds: The Board approved a change in the district's plan for how it will spend ESSER II federal funds. The change will increase the amount spent on substitute teachers and extended planned summer school costs through the summer of 2023.