

Andover Board of Education Notes
May 9, 2022

Good news: Board members recognized musicians from Andover High School and Andover Central High School who were named to the Kansas Music Educators Association’s All-State choir and instrumental ensembles. They were:

<p><u>KMEA 1234A State Band (ACHS)</u> Anoushka Raju Savannah Weidler Adelle Norris Jacob Norris Madison Boozer Coraline Edge</p> <p><u>KMEA State Mixed Choir</u> Sophia Benton (AHS) Kaden Hauck (AHS) Elizabeth Rigby (AHS) Mila Capehart (ACHS) Kennah Donnelley (ACHS) Ridgely Ehrlich (ACHS) John Hayes (ACHS) Elizabeth McClellan (ACHS) Viggo Shafer (ACHS) JT Short (ACHS)</p>	<p><u>KMEA State Treble Choir</u> Maryam Doukali (AHS) Annabelle Johnson (AHS) Ryleigh Shay (AHS) Genevieve Cayless (ACHS) Mia Johnston (ACHS) Goldie Lane (ACHS) McKensie Moore (ACHS) Grace Schaefer (ACHS) Christiane Short (ACHS)</p> <p><u>KMEA State Orchestra</u> Sophie Thiessen (AHS) John Hippisley (AHS)</p> <p><u>KMEA State Jazz Band</u> Jun Byun (ACHS) Hunter Smith (AHS) Daul Lee (AHS) Benjamin Schillings (AHS)</p>
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The Board recognized several Andover students who received Jester Awards for outstanding work in theater. They were:

- Julia DeVries (AHS), outstanding costumes
- Elise Soto (AHS), outstanding costumes
- Abby Holgen (ACHS), outstanding performer in a female presenting role

Also, Sarah Koehn, theater teacher at AHS, received a Wolfe Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Kansas School of Education. KU students can nominate teachers from around the world "who have encouraged and positively influenced them to dream, aspire and persevere."

Three ACMS students received Gold Key Art Awards recently for outstanding paintings. They are Carter Cyphers, Addison Erbert and Tyler Voros.

Finally, the Board recognized the three recipients of the \$1,000 Board of Education scholarships. They were Cara Brockmeyer from AHS and Makayla Allison and Carly Parker from ACHS.

Tornado update: Several administrators, including Principal Shelley Jonas, provided a report on the April 29 tornado that damaged Prairie Creek Elementary School. The report included a rundown of how plans

were made to return Prairie Creek students to alternate locations, cleanup of the site and other tornado-related information.

Instructional materials: Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, and secondary teachers provided an update on [proposed instructional resources](#) in the following areas: middle school history, government and social studies; high school history, government and social studies; and high school English language arts.

Elementary counseling curriculum: Board members approved spending \$10,800 for the “Safer, Smarter Kids” personal safety program for implementation at the elementary level during the 2022-23 school year. The curriculum provides grade-level specific lessons for students in grades K-5.

District Office furniture: The Board approved spending \$147,474.60 for furniture at the new District Office. That amount included \$80,885.95 to John A. Marshall and \$66,588.65 to Scott Rice Office Interiors. These orders cover furniture for conference rooms, task chairs and soft seating.

Orchestra equipment: Board members voted to spend \$99,583 with Music Scene for instruments for the district’s new orchestra program.

SMART Net licensing: The Board voted to spend a total of \$490,214.12 for SMART Net licensing, which includes Cisco virus/malware protection, maintenance and unified communication software.

ESSER III: The Board approved a [recommended plan](#) for how to spend \$3,072,000 in federal funds under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III). District leadership met with an ESSER III committee on three occasions before spring break to identify areas of need that could potentially be funded. The stakeholder committee consisted of educators, staff, administration, students, parents and community partners. The identified needs captured through this brainstorming process have been reviewed by administration and simplified for obtaining feedback. The list of identified needs were sent out [via survey](#) to gather additional feedback from parents, staff and community partners.

Superintendent’s report: Superintendent Brett White expressed appreciation to all who helped with the cleanup of the Prairie Creek site and plans for the last two weeks of the school year.