

**Andover Board of Education Notes**  
**February 14, 2022**

**Good News:** The Board recognized Madison Schmoll, band director at Andover Middle School, Andover High School, and Wheatland, Robert Martin and Cottonwood elementary schools, for receiving a 2022 Kansas Horizon Award. The award goes to 32 outstanding teachers across the state who are in their second year of teaching.

**ESSER funding update:** Sherame Kneisel, chief operating officer, gave an [update on the federal funds allocated](#) to the district through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) program. ESSER II funds, of which the district received \$1,474,843, have been spent on providing summer school, additional nursing support, permanent substitutes and software and tech supplies. The district received \$3,072,215 in ESSER III funds. District leadership and a community stakeholder group will help to determine how to spend the ESSER III money.

**Change orders on bond projects:** Board members approved adjustments from the Guaranteed Maximum Price to the actual project costs for three projects:

- AMS and ACMS HVAC controls
- AMS renovation
- Trojan Stadium

The total decrease in the changes was \$61,606.03.

**Cottonwood parking lot:** The Board approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$273,202 to replace the parking lot at Cottonwood Elementary School.

**Transportation contract:** The Board approved several key provisions to move forward with a new contract with Durham School Services to provide transportation services. These provisions include:

*Continuing Service*

- Transportation service continues for both under and over 2.5 miles from attendance center
- Maintenance on bus and white fleet will continue as currently requested - USD 385 bus fleet will continue to be replaced as district determines age/condition for disposal

*Continuing Terms*

- Regular route billed daily with a minimum guarantee of 4 hours
- Special Education route billed daily with a minimum guarantee of 4 hours
- Mid-day pre-kindergarten routes billed daily with a minimum guarantee of 1 hour
- Activity routes billed by trip
- Hours that exceed minimum guaranteed will be billed at additional hourly rate - all hours will be tracked and evaluated for route adjustments
- Mechanical labor for district-owned buses/white fleet will be billed at prescribed hourly rate

### *New/Updated Terms*

- Monthly lease/utility amount will be paid by Durham to USD 385 in the amount of \$4,000/mo.
- Monthly billing will be adjusted for performance penalties as applicable
- Service contract is an extension for 3 years beginning July 1, 2022
- Driver pay will be increased to continue to provide competitive wages
- Annual increase will be 2.5% in year one, with planned increases of 3% in years two and three

The Board will consider the final contract at a later meeting.

**KESA goals:** The Board approved goals set for its [Kansas Education System Accreditation](#). Goals included increasing reading proficiency utilizing multiple metrics on the Andover Data Dashboard by 2025, and increasing preparation for post-secondary success utilizing multiple metrics on the Andover Data Dashboard by 2025.

Staffing recommendation: Board members approved a [staffing recommendation](#) presented by district administrators. The recommendations included:

- 4.5 in full-time equivalent positions at the elementary schools, including three K-5 teachers, a counselor position and a 0.5 Early Learning Services position.
- 3.0 positions at secondary schools.
- An additional orchestra teacher position (the Board previously had approved one orchestra position).
- A new building administrator position (additional assistant principal at AMS).
- A new district-level administrator position in Academic Affairs.

**Covid protocols:** The Board approved new Covid-related protocols for household close contacts of positive cases. At the January 17 meeting, the Board of Education approved the recommendation that the district follow the current KDHE and local health departments' guidance for reduced isolation and quarantine periods.

Because KDHE's published documents and local health department guidance refer to some different lengths of time for household close contacts, we ask that the Board take action this evening to approve the following KDHE guidance and district protocols for Andover Public Schools as it relates to household contacts:

KDHE Guidance (Taken verbatim from the KDHE's K-12 School Testing Program Guidance document - Jan. 2022)

1. Students, teachers, and staff considered SUSCEPTIBLE to COVID-19 disease who are a close household contact (someone in their household has COVID-19) should stay at home for the first 5 days of the case's infectious period.

2. If the case separated from others in the household or wore a well-fitting mask when they needed to be around others, the local health department may consider the close household contact to begin their Day 1 of home quarantine on Day 6 of the case's infectious period.

3. However, if the local health department is not confident that separation and masking were maintained, the close household contact would begin their own 5-day home quarantine period after the case is released from isolation, in most cases 10 days.

4. Susceptible close household contacts need to stay at home during the entirety of the case's at-home isolation period, which is a minimum of 5 days. After that period, the household contact begins their quarantine period, which is 5 days in home quarantine, followed by 5 days of masking with a well-fitting mask when indoors and outdoors around others.

5. For schools participating in a testing program, susceptible household close contacts may attend school during their quarantine but should adhere to quarantine guidelines otherwise.

#### District Protocols

##### Waiting Period for Household to Begin Quarantine Period

1. If a health order has not been issued by the health department stating that the household contact is required to wait 10 days before beginning his/her quarantine period, the district will consider the household contact's home quarantine period to begin on Day 6 of the case's infectious period.

2. If a health order has been issued from the health department stating that the household contact is required to wait 10 days before beginning his/her quarantine period, that order will be followed, as required.

##### Returning to School During Quarantine Period with Testing & Masking

3. As mentioned in the KDHE guidance, because our district has a testing program in place, students or staff members may attend school during their home quarantine period with daily testing and required masking.

If a health order has not been issued requiring the household contact to wait 10 days before beginning his/her quarantine period, the student or staff member may return to school on day 6 with required testing and masking for days 6-10, and required masking for days 11-15.

4. If a health order has been issued requiring the household contact to wait 10 days before beginning his/her quarantine period, the student or staff member may return on day 11 with required testing and masking through days 11-15. The student would be able to return to school after day 15, whether masking or not.

##### Returning to School Following Quarantine Period with NO Testing or Masking

5. Whether a health order has been issued or not requiring the household contact to wait 10 days before beginning his/her quarantine period, the student or staff member may return to school after day 15.

**Superintendent's report:** Superintendent Brett White updated the Board on professional learning opportunities on Feb. 18. He also told the Board about Reality U, a financial planning simulation that eighth-graders recently completed.