

Andover Board of Education Notes
March 6, 2023

Good News: The 20 Andover elementary students who were named to the Kansas Music Educators Association's 2022-23 All-State Elementary Choir were introduced to the Board. The choir performed in February at the KMEA In-Service Workshop in Wichita. Representing Andover were:

Prairie Creek Elementary: Alisa Brunson, Briella Brunson, Justin Burford, Dexter Cole, Olivia Coss, Ariana Kachelmeier, Ava Perea, Michael Prella and Lizzie Shultz

Robert Martin Elementary: Dallin Ericksen, Saran Saravanan and Nova Stanley

Sunflower Elementary: Molly Fogle, Graham Kirk, Madelyn Knopp, Adison Ladner and Reese Ybarra

Wheatland Elementary: Lyla Lanier, Rylin Lanier and Kendall Youngers

The Board also recognized the Andover High School boys swimming team for winning the 5-1A State Championship. Additionally, the AHS 400 freestyle team of Eli Conard, Jonathan Gott, Ian Diefenbach and Sam Ellis set a state record on their way to an event championship. The Trojans are coached by Kelsie Biebighauser.

Finally, the Board recognized Noah Krueger of Andover Central High School for winning the 100-meter breaststroke at the State Swimming and Diving Championships. The Jaguars are coached by Allison Craig.

Spotlight on Learning: Kellie Bamford, health services coordinator, and several district nurses presented on the [breadth of health services](#) offered by the district. The district employs 12 registered nurses and nine health clerks. Their duties include health assessments, screenings and referrals.

Student handbooks: Jeremy Boldra, assistant superintendent for human resources, presented proposed student handbooks for the 2023-24 school year. He provided a summary of changes for [elementary schools](#), [middle schools](#), [high schools](#) and [Andover eCademy](#).

Instructional materials: Traci Holder, director of instruction and intervention, presented [recommended high school math curriculum materials](#) for Math 1-4, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, Algebra II, Honors Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, AP Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus. Materials will be available for review until the April 10 Board of Education meeting, when the Board will consider adopting the materials.

Bonds issuance: The Board voted to issue temporary general obligation bonds using a portion of the approved bond authority from the 2017 bond election. Sherame Kneisel, chief operating officer, and Bret Shogren with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, explained that the issuance would not extend the district's current debt schedule or raise the bond and interest mill levy. The \$4 million in funds generated would be dedicated to addressing deferred maintenance needs in the district.

Transportation contract: The Board voted to approve a [five-year contract](#) with First Student to provide transportation services in the district. There are options for contract extensions in years six and seven.

Instructional materials: The Board approved instructional materials for high school Modern World History and middle school English Language Arts as presented in the February Board of Education

meeting. For Modern World History, the committee recommended a Houghton Mifflin Harcourt textbook. For ELA, the committee recommended Savvas materials.

Superintendent's Report: Gov. Laura Kelly will visit the Butler County Special Education Interlocal March 8 to learn about what is happening in special education. The Region 4 Kansas Teacher of the Year lunch recognition will be Saturday, March 25, at the Wichita Marriott.