

**Andover Board of Education Notes**  
**June 12, 2023**

**Budget hearing:** Chief Financial Officer Sherame Kneisel presented information on the proposed budget amendment to the K-12 at-risk fund for 2022-23. After the KSDE enrollment audit was completed, the actual weighting for K-12 at-risk is significantly larger than estimated last July. The main increase is due to a change in the direct certification program, which now includes families who are part of the state insurance program. This has increased the number of families who are directly certified as free through the Child Nutrition Program, which has raised the district's weighted full-time equivalency for at-risk state aid. The district is required to transfer all state aid received for this weighting to the K-12 at-risk fund. To have access to these funds, the district must republish its K-12 at-risk fund. No other funds are affected, and this will have no effect on district mill levies.

**Good News:** The Board honored several in attendance for achievements, including:

- Schaefer Architecture, which has become a naming rights partner for the district. Schaefer donated \$25,000 and will have its logo displayed at the Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies.
- Leslianne Craft, principal at Andover Central Middle School, who was named the Area 3 Middle School Principal of the Year by the Kansas Principals Association.
- Swimmers and divers from Andover High School who won events at the 5A State Swimming and Diving Championships, including senior Emma Todd (diving) and sophomores Mari Griffin, Sophia Mandanis, Kiersten Elliott and Marisa School (200 meter medley). The team is coached by Bethany Bastian.
- Track and field athletes who won state titles at the Kansas State Track and Field Championships, including Bryce Barkdull (ACHS junior, boys pole vault), Reagan Housley (ACHS senior, girls pole vault) and McKinlee Walker (AHS junior, 100-meter hurdles).

**Accreditation update:** Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, presented a report following an Outstanding Visiting Team visit to the district in May for Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA). She reported the [team was impressed](#) with efforts being made toward accreditation, including [district goals](#) of increasing reading proficiency and increasing preparation for post-secondary success.

**Skylight approval:** The Board approved spending \$283,618 with SGH Concepts to replace skylight panels at ACHS and AMS. The current panels have reached the end of life and are due for replacement.

**Irrigation replacement:** The Board voted to spend \$91,200 with Irrigation Unlimited to replace the irrigation system at the ACHS baseball and softball complex. The current system is no longer functional due to damage and leaks.

**Budget amendment adoption:** The Board voted to approve the proposed budget amendment for at-risk funding for the 2022-23 school year, as outlined during the budget hearing above.

**Workers compensation:** The Board approved spending \$128,282 for the [premium for workers compensation insurance](#) for the 2023-24 school year. The Kansas Association of School Boards' Worker's Compensation Fund Inc. provides this coverage for the district.

**District wellness policy:** The Board approved the district wellness policies for [elementary](#), [middle school](#) and [high school](#) as outlined by the Kansas State Department of Education's Wellness Impact Tool.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Brett White reported that all high school graduations went well. The Board has the opportunity to tour the new Rolph Literacy Academy on June 20. He also provided an update on the transition to First Student as the district's transportation provider.