

Board of Education Notes
Nov. 13. 2023

Good News: The Board recognized the Andover High School girls tennis team for winning its third straight 5A state championship in Salina. Seniors Anna Jittawait and Brooke Walker finished a perfect season by winning the state doubles title. Junior Elizabeth Gaddis and sophomore Emma Jittawait took third in doubles. On the singles side, junior Molly Gaddis took third, and sophomore Mia Jaramillo finished sixth. The team is coached by Stephen Alexander and Mark Cross.

The Board also recognized Desirae Moreno, cheer coach at Andover Central High School, for being named the Kansas Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools Coaches Association. She has coached at ACHS since 2014 and led the Jaguars to third place at the National Cheerleaders Association's national competition this year, and to fourth place finishes in 2016, 2017 and 2022.

Open enrollment: Board members discussed the hearing that took place Nov. 8 to address the state's new [open enrollment statute](#) and the [proposed district policy](#) that must be adopted by Jan. 1. The policy will be brought to the Dec. 11 Board meeting as an action item.

Prairie Creek technology: The district was awarded \$200,000 in Congressional funding for Prairie Creek Elementary to help cover the costs of technology replacement and upgrades following the April 2022 tornado. The Board voted to approve spending \$147,740 with KCAV to purchase 36 ClearTouch interactive panels for Prairie Creek. Installation will take place during school breaks to limit classroom disruption. The grant is awarded and managed under the U.S. Department of Education.

Bond allocation projects: The Board approved several projects using funds from additional temporary bonds issued in April 2023. These funds are part of the 2017 voter approved bond election and may only be used for purchases or repairs related to the buildings or projects defined in the election language. Funds cannot be used for any facilities not identified in the 2017 election language or any operational expenses, salaries, etc. The projects are \$6,039 to repair gym bleachers at Andover High School and \$95,300 to replace the irrigation systems at the Andover Middle School football and AHS baseball and softball fields.

Superintendent's report: Superintendent Brett White told the Board the Foundation for Andover Schools will announce its grant allocations Nov. 14. Also, the 2024-25 district calendar is being developed with stakeholder input and will be a discussion items during its December meeting.