

Andover Board of Education Notes

March 4, 2024

Good News: The Board recognized three Andover High School wrestlers who recently won state championships. They are Luke Potter, junior, 132-pound class; Adam Maki, senior, 138-pound class and back-to-back state champion; and Bradley Trimmell, senior 157-pound class.

The Board recognized the AHS boys swimming and diving team for winning the 5-1A state championship. This is the second straight year the team won state. Event champions were the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Brett Ziser, Eric Witt, Ian Diefenbach and Eli Conard; the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Ziser, David Gott, Diefenbach and Conard; and Conard in the 100-yard freestyle. The team is coached by Kelsie Biebighauser.

The Board recognized Gia Damico and Alexis Murphy of Andover Central Middle School, who were named to the 2024 Kansas Music Educators Association's All-State Middle Level Choir. They are taught by Julia Miller.

The Board also recognized seven Andover singers who were named to the 2024 KMEA All-State High School Mixed Choir. They were Sophia Benton and Marin Herring of AHS, and Savannah Emerson, Emma Geier, Sadie Hankins, John Hayes and Briggs Kavanagh of ACHS. In addition, eight Andover high schoolers were named to the All-State Treble Choir. They were Olivia Doremus of AHS, and Katelyn Barnes, Ilham Hemed, Goldie Lane, Eavan McLeroth, Ali Sears, McKayla Stacey and Jamie Vinther of ACHS.

The Board recognized Brianna Oglesby, kindergarten teacher at Prairie Creek Elementary School, for being named a Kansas Horizon Award recipient by the Kansas State Department of Education. Each year the state awards 32 exemplary educators currently in their second year of teaching with this prestigious recognition.

Finally, the Board presented Vietnamese language interpreter/translator Jasmine Vu with its Character Champion Award. Jasmine has been instrumental in onboarding new custodians who speak Vietnamese, which has helped fill critical position.

Elementary English Language Arts Instructional Materials: The Board expressed a desire at its February meeting to extend the timeline of the elementary ELA instructional materials adoption to learn more about the program, instructional shifts, and to identify the lessons/units for additional review to determine if modifications and/or deletions might be necessary. Traci Holder, director of instruction and intervention, and teachers [presented an update](#) on what they have determined through the review process.

Early Learning Instructional Materials Recommendation: The Early Learning team is recommending [“Three Cheers for Pre-K”](#) as part of its instructional materials review process. If approved at the April BOE meeting, teachers will receive professional learning on the April 22 professional learning day in preparation for implementation in August 2024.

CTE Instructional Materials: The Career and Technical Education Team is recommending a variety of materials as part of its instructional materials process. The [recommendation includes materials](#) for Auto Technology 1 and 2; Introduction to Welding; Business Essentials; Business Law; Advanced

Programming; Visual BASIC 1 and 2; Advanced Placement Computer Science; Human Growth and Development; and Robotics.

Out-of-District Enrollment: Jeremy Boldra, assistant superintendent for human resources, presented an overview of current enrollment, projected enrollment and [recommendations](#) for the implementation of out-of-district student enrollment for the 2024-25 school year, as required by state law. This process included [survey data](#) from the District Site Council and Open Enrollment Committee.

AEA Agreement: The Board voted to approve a [one-year agreement](#) on contract language and compensation enhancements with the Andover Education Association. The total value of the compensation and benefits package is approximately 3.37% and includes step and column movement, \$750 added to each cell of the salary schedule, the reduction of one contract day, as well as changes to contract language as outlined in the [Negotiations Summary of Changes](#) document.

Additional Bond Allocation: The Board approved several projects associated with funds from the additional temporary bonds issued in April 2023 using existing bond authority from the 2017 election. These include Trojan Stadium turf replacement, concrete replacement at ACHS and ACMS, and converting lighting to LED in elementary and middle school gyms.

Middle School Math Materials: The Board voted to approve spending \$125,000 for Math and You instructional materials for middle school students.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Brett White reported The Foundation for Andover Schools held a successful fundraiser event, Viva Andover. He said district leaders recently met with Rep. Kristey Williams and Sen. Larry Alley to discuss legislative topics.