

## Andover Board of Education Notes

Nov. 11, 2024

**Good News:** The Board recognized the Andover High School girls tennis team, which recently won its fourth consecutive 5A state championship. Molly Gaddis took the singles championship, while Nadia Kaewsai and Biz Gaddis took the doubles championship. Both championship matches went to a deciding third set. Kaewsai and Gaddis defeated teammates Emma Jittawait and Ada Tantemsomboon for the title. Mia Jaramillo took third in singles. The Trojans are coached by Stephen Alexander, Mark Cross and Abby Stevens.

The Board also watched a video in which Drennan Tiemstra, a seventh-grader at Andover Central Middle School, was named a recipient of the Character Champion award. Drennan was involved in a scary tackle during a football game that left an opponent hospitalized. He went above and beyond to track down the opponent's phone number to contact him to make sure he was OK and send him words of encouragement.

Finally, the Board heard about Veterans Day assemblies and other related events held throughout the district.

**Spotlight on Learning:** Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, presented an update on the [Andover Data Dashboard](#).

**Capital outlay:** Sherame Kneisel, chief financial officer, [presented a proposed plan](#) for projects to be funded by the district's Capital Outlay Fund. Those include a refresh of student Chromebooks, facilities ad operations improvements, custodial salaries, annual lease payments, and auditorium and musical instrument spending, among other items.

**Banking services:** The Board voted to move district banking services to Emprise Bank for three years, effective Dec. 1, with the option for additional annual extensions. This followed a request for proposals sent in October.

**Superintendent's report:** Supt. Brett White reported that \$50,000 in grants from The Foundation for Andover Schools would be distributed Nov. 19. He said the Andover State of the Community lunch would be at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at Butler Community College.