

## Andover Board of Education Notes

Jan. 13, 2025

**Spotlight on Learning:** Shelley Jonas, assistant director of the Butler County Special Education Interlocal, and Beth Hollenbeck, who leads the District Bakery, provided an update on the Bakery. The Bakery is a vocational training program for high school special education students. It serves both as a classroom and a business, creating items such as cookies, breakfast items, brownies/bars, cake balls and cupcakes, with the goal of preparing students for jobs after high school.

Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, presented the [Andover Data Dashboard](#).

**Facility Usage:** The district is in the process of converting to a new facility management program, which is a good time to re-evaluate [facility usage fees, terms and requirements](#). At this time, this proposal is only for community use, not staff use.

**Transportation Contract Addendum:** Under the current transportation services contract with First Student, Andover Public Schools provides six vehicles that are used for student transportation. These include five full-sized SUVs and one sedan primarily used for special education, McKinney-Vento and other individualized type transportation routes. As the vehicles age, the district considered several replacement options. The district recommends replacing these vehicles with vans, which the district will use at the rate of \$59.79/hour. The Board approved the recommendation.

**Technology Refresh:** The Board approved spending \$994,215.59 for technology device refresh from Dell, which will be funded through Capital Outlay. The request was for chromebooks, laptops and desktops for Sunflower Elementary, Wheatland Elementary, Andover Middle School, labs and the Center for Advanced Professional Studies.