

Andover Board of Education Notes

Feb. 10, 2025

Good News: The Board recognized 19 high school singers who were selected for the Kansas Music Educators Association's All-State choirs. They were:

Treble Choir

AHS: Marin Herring and Sydney Williams

ACHS: Elizabeth Burger, Savannah Emerson, Sadie Hankins, Lily Hayes, Ellie Kucera, Morgan LeMonnier, Ellis Nesbit, Alexi Thorsetenberg and Allana Wentworth

Mixed Choir

ACHS: Hudson Axtell, Tucker Clouse, John Hayes, Ilham Hemed, Goldie Lane, Bryson Post, Milo Sanders and Brayden Tonn

The Board recognized Robin Anderson of Andover Middle School, and Todd Flory of Wheatland Elementary School, who were named recipients of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for STEM educators.

Finally, Lexie Bullinger, fourth-grade teacher at Robert Martin Elementary School, was recognized for being a 2025 Kansas Horizon Award winner. The award goes to outstanding new teachers who are in their second year in the classroom.

Spotlight on Learning: Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, led a presentation about [Multi-Tiered Systems of Support \(MTSS\)](#) for reading initiatives. The Board received an overview of the MTSS process, including data meetings, secondary school-wide reading strategies and LETRS training.

Health Materials: Traci Holder, director of instruction and intervention, presented [proposed health instructional materials](#) for middle and high school students. The materials will be available for review by the community until the next Board meeting.

Fees Discussion: Sherame Kneisel, chief financial officer, presented [proposed fees](#) for the 2025-26 school year. Student and adult meal prices will be evaluated based on federal requirements in the coming months. The proposal includes increasing culinary class fees by \$5 to cover increases in food costs and implementing a senior transcript fee of \$10 to offset the cost of the Parchment online system used by both high schools.

eCademy Enrollment Guides: Lachenmayr presented [enrollment guides](#) for the 2025-26 school year of Andover eCademy.

Facility Usage: The Board voted to approve proposed changes to the [Facility Usage Requirements, Terms and Outside/Community Pricing](#). Employee pricing will be presented for discussion later this spring.

Prairie Creek Flooring: The Board voted to approve \$101,891.90 for flooring replacement at Prairie Creek Elementary School. The existing VCT flooring had damage due to general use and reconstruction following the tornado. The new LVT flooring will not need to be stripped and waxed each year.

Superintendent's Report: Supt. Brett White announced the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN) conference will be Feb. 20-21 in Topeka. The Andover Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Celebration is Feb. 27 at Crestview Country Club.