

**Andover Board of Education Notes**  
**April 14, 2025**

**Good News:** The Board recognized the following students or groups for outstanding accomplishments:

- Samuel Riley of Andover Middle School for winning the Sunflower State Spelling Bee
- The Andover High School boys swimming team for winning its third straight state championship. Also, sophomore Clark Young won an individual championship in the 200 individual medley
- The Andover Central High School bowling team for winning the 5A state championship, and junior Paxton McLeod for winning the individual state championship.
- Eleven high school students named to Kansas Music Educators Association All-State ensembles. ACHS students represented in the 1/2/3/4A Band were Kyle Zarchan, Cooper Kirk, Maxime Chanut, Jeremiah Coym and Cora Hicks. AHS students in the 5/6A Band were Andrew Welk, Chris Dunn and Michael Castillo. ACHS students in the Full Orchestra were Ryan Byun and Leonard Schneider. And Cameron Windish of AHS was in the Jazz Band.

**Spotlight on Learning:** Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, presented a tentative plan to add [screen time recommendations](#) as a district goal for the 2025-26 school year, piggybacking off of the Kansas State Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Task Force on the topic. The Task Force discussed personal devices in schools, screen time and mental health and parental oversight of district-owned devices.

**Staff Handbooks:** Jeremy Boldra, assistant superintendent for human resources, presented [employee handbooks](#) for the 2025-26 school year. The biggest change was the Classified Handbook is now organized by the order discussed during orientation training instead of alphabetical. The handbooks will be on the agenda for the May meeting.

**Acceptable Use Policy:** Brad Niessen, director of technology, and Lachenmayr presented the [proposed Acceptable Use Policy](#) for the 2025-26 school year. The biggest change was addition of sections covering artificial intelligence for staff and students. The policy will be on the agenda for the May meeting.

**Cisco Access Points:** The Board voted to spend \$143,332 for 200 access points for wireless Internet throughout the district.

**Mowing the contract:** The Board voted to pay Get It Done Enterprises \$68,716 for mowing services at Prairie Creek, Sunflower, and the Andover Central High School/Middle School locations. This is a reduction of \$44,000 from the previous year as the district expands its in-house mowing capabilities.

**Nonresident Enrollment:** The Board voted to approve [out-of-district enrollment capacities](#) at each grade level and school. Considering projected enrollment and building in a 10 percent

capacity for new students moving into the district, there are 285 seats available for out-of-district students for the 2025-26 school year.

**Math Instructional Materials:** The Board voted to approve [Big Ideas Math Modeling Real Life](#) as the new middle school math curriculum at a cost of \$126,000.

**Temporary Bond Projects:** The Board voted to approve several projects to be funded with temporary bonds issued in 2023 utilizing bond authority from the 2017 election. This includes a building pump at ACMS and window replacement at AMS. The total cost is \$33,399 for the pump and \$24,525 for the windows.

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Brett White presented an update on ESSER funding changes.