

Andover Board of Education Notes

June 9, 2025

Good News: The Board recognized several groups of students for their accomplishments, including:

- The Andover High School boys tennis team, which won the 5A state championship. In addition, the team of Andrew Chan and Isaac Homan won the state doubles championship.
- The AHS swimming and diving team won the 5-1A state championship. In addition, Mari Griffin won the 100 backstroke, and the 200 medley team won its championship.
- The AHS speech and competitive acting won the 5A state championship. Annie Nguyen took first in impromptu speaking, and Sean Mansoor took first in foreign extemporaneous speaking.
- The AHS performance of “Little Shop of Horrors” won Best Overall Production at the Music Theatre Wichita Jester Awards. Theater teacher Megan Upton-Tyner won best director.
- Annaliese Vitosh of Andover Central High School won the 100-meter wheelchair race at the state track and field championships. Shal Ruud of AHS won the 5A state high jump. And Allison Saunders of ACHS won the 300-meter hurdles.

Spotlight on Learning: Traci Holder, director of instruction and intervention, presented on the [Andover Data Dashboard](#). This included reading proficiency, math proficiency and professional learning data.

Building Needs Assessments: Sherame Kneisel, chief financial officer, and Traci Holder presented on [Building Needs Assessments](#). Each year, districts are required to conduct building needs assessments to help shape the budget allocations for the following year. The assessment was the focus of the District Site Council meetings in April.

Property and Casualty Insurance: The Board voted to approve a [quote of \\$1,136,639.31](#) with the Kansas Educational Risk Management Pool for property and casualty insurance. This is a decrease of \$62,438.84 from the past year.

Wellness Policies: The Board approved the annual [Elementary, Middle and High School Wellness](#) policies as required by the Kansas State Department of Education and the federal government.

Negotiated Agreement: The Board approved a ratified one-year agreement with the Andover Education Association for [contract language changes and compensation enhancements](#). The total value is an increase of \$1.315 million, or 5 percent. The Board also approved a compensation increase of 5 percent for eligible classified staff, 4.59 percent for returning administrators and an increase of \$15 per day (to \$140) for substitute teachers.

Goals and Initiatives: The Board approved the [2025-26 district goals and initiatives](#).

Superintendent’s Report: Supt. Brett White told the Board the annual Opening Assembly will be Monday, Aug. 11, at AHS.