

Andover Board of Education Notes

Jan. 12, 2026

Good News: The Board recognized Melissa Prock, bus driver and safety manager with First Student, for handling a difficult situation with professionalism. She was driving the Andover High School girls basketball team to Goddard when a large bird struck the windshield of the bus, shattering the glass. Melissa was able to guide the bus to safety, meanwhile maintaining her lane and remaining calm. No one was injured in the incident.

The Board recognized the 15 students who were named to All-State high school choirs by the Kansas Music Educators Association. They were:

All-State High School Mixed Choir

Andover High School: Deacon Angell, Emma Cox, Marin Herring, Leah Sanford, Sydney Williams.

Andover Central High School: Hudson Axtell, Tucker Clouse, Savannah Emerson, Ada Hall, Zoey Shafer, Alexi Thorstenberg, Carson Tonn.

All-State High School Treble Choir

AHS: Grace Ricke

ACHS: Ilham Hemed

The Board also recognized the three students selected for the KMEA All-State Middle Level Choir. They were Nina Walker of Andover Central Middle School, and Aria Alcindor and Angel Hoang of Andover Middle School.

Spotlight on Learning: Students from the Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) and Brian Gregoire, CAPS director, highlighted recent student experiences in career exploration.

Spotlight on Learning: Becca Soper from the Butler County Special Education Interlocal provided an [overview of the postsecondary transition, education and preparation](#) available to students receiving special education services, including the Transition Academy and Coachability.

Screen Time Task Force: Traci Holder, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, and others [presented recommendations made by the Screen Time Task Force](#) that has been meeting this year. Among the recommendations is for the district to require high schoolers who have their personal electronic devices turned off and stowed away during the school day.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Brett White thanked the Board members for their service for Board of Education Appreciation Month. He highlighted several upcoming activities.