



# THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

December 2009

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## BOARD MEETING REPORT

November 9 Board Meeting Report

John Schrock was the only board member absent. Action taken was on a 6-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

None

REPORTS

**BOE** – Delbert Armbrust gave a review of the KASB Fall Regional meeting that he attended and of the H1N1 precaution information presented by Suzette Brotton of the Salina Saline County Health Department at last month's bus driver meeting.

**Mr. McDaniel** – His report included: working to offer three on campus dual credit courses next spring; Curriculum and Instruction (has met with the math and English teachers and they are beginning to use formative assessments to gauge how the students are doing in preparation for the state assessments; On Watch training that he and Mr. Laas attended; in his classroom observations he is looking for ways the staff is addressing state standards); At-Risk Referral Team meetings have begun; the first round of formal evaluations is completed; the Fall Assessment Conference he and Mrs. Sprinkle attended; MS/HS Site-Council meeting; work on the Kansas Course Code Management System is progressing; and a list of upcoming events.

**Mrs. Sprinkle** – Her report included: Curriculum and Instruction (staff have attended math and Autism trainings); the first round of formal evaluations is completed; the Fall Assessment Conference she and Mr. McDaniel attended; SchoolMessenger system is being used to send out bi-weekly messages to parents; her parent newsletter is available on the district web site; and a list of upcoming events.

**Mr. Minneman** – His report included: a Saline County Superintendents meeting which was held for the purpose of identifying some common talking points to use with area legislators on the impact that the anticipated loss of state funds this month will have on our districts; a Saline County Emergency Management Hazardous Mitigation Plan meeting he will be attending. The county is just in the beginning stages of developing this plan which other area

counties already have in place. It is hopeful that we, like the Chapman school district was able to do, will be able to access FEMA grant monies to help with the storm shelters being planned for in the construction process; and also shared a list of dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

**Facilities**—The low bid of \$5,577,600 from Busboom & Rauh for the construction of the base plan and alternates of bleachers in the elementary school gym, storm shelters in each building and enlarging the size of the commons area at the MS/HS was approved. The bid was considerably below the bond issue of \$6,815,000 that was approved by the patrons. Construction is anticipated to begin by the end of the December. (5-1 Cheryl Higgins)

**Kansas Academy of Math and Science (KAMS)**—Jeannie Beagh presented information about the program for HS juniors and seniors being held at FHSU and requested that students attending the program be allowed to participate in school activities here (homecoming dances, prom, senior trip). This was an information/discussion only item and will be on the December agenda for action.

**Schools For Fair Funding**—Discussion took place on whether or not to join the Schools For Fair Funding organization. The item died for lack of action.

**KASB Legislative Platform** —The platform items were discussed to give Jamie Bradley direction on how to represent the district on them at the KASB Delegate Assembly on December 5.

**Supplemental Position**—Bradley Carlson was approved to fill the position of Asst. MS Boys Basketball coach.

**MS/HS Summer School Program**—Mr. McDaniel presented information about a mandatory summer school program for students that don't score at the Meets Standards level on the State Assessments. The program was used at White City with very positive results. This was an information/discussion only item and will be on the December agenda for action.

**2009-2010 Calendar Change**—The In-Service Day originally on the calendar for Tuesday, April 6, was moved to Monday, December 14. The reason for the change was to allow the MS/HS staff additional time to work on developing a plan required by the state since we did not make AYP on all assessments last school year. This will be a building level In-Service Day at both buildings. School will be in session on Tuesday, April 6.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel). No action was taken following it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jamie Bradley, Vice-President Cheryl Higgins or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

## 2010 AFTER PROM COMMITTEE

The Ell Saline After Prom Committee met on November 9, 2009. The following items were discussed:

Cinnamon Roll Sales for the year brought in \$801.00 profit.

Fund raising ideas were discussed;

Slave auction or rent a Cardinal – will visit with juniors and seniors about this during an activity period.

Bi-center-unless we could do all of the concessions, it would not bring in the big bucks. We were also not notified about some of the events.

Chiefs and Royals fundraiser would require all students and adults participating in the event to be trained. Logistical problems here.

Meal nights at several restaurants around town are being checked into.

We will serve a meal on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at the scrimmage and Alumni games.

We will have 1 or 2 Dodge ball tournaments since the Drama Club will not be doing one. This has been approved by Mr. Minneman.

Ideas on what to do at After Prom was discussed.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 14, 2009 at 6:00 in the HS cafeteria.

Submitted by Jeannie Beaugh

## CAREER FAIR

By: Jordan Pieschl and Ayla Beaugh

On November 12, the FFA sponsored a career fair for the whole middle and high school to participate in. To begin the day, Joyce Volk from the Salina Media Group spoke in an all-school assembly about resume writing and job interview techniques. The students then broke into groups to attend three morning sessions. Each session lasted about thirty minutes and gave the students the opportunity to learn about a different career and the education and training that the career requires. The career “reps” for the morning sessions were the following:

Kent Buer: Banker

Troy Brockway: Pilot

Theresa Pasek-Westfall: Lawyer

Dr. C.S. O’Neil: Veterinarian

Joyce Volk: Communications

Randy and Karla Jones: Computer Engineering and Manufacturing

Jerry Scott: Taxidermist

Paul Schneider: Farmer

Dr. Maria Rapp: Chiropractor

Steve Sprinkle: Insurance Agent

Tommie Berger: Wildlife Biologist

Steve Howard: Restaurant Owner

Shelby Leister: Nurse

Dr. Henry Reed: Physician

After an all-school lunch, the students once again listened to Joyce Volk speak during another assembly. This time, she spoke to the students about proper work ethic and the right way to “dress for success.” The students then attended three more sessions. The career reps for the

afternoon sessions were the following:

Dr. Cynthia Reed: Orthodontist

Art Bird: Contractor

Deputy Flesher: Law Enforcement Officer

Doug Stein: Financial Advisor

Bill Roenne: Photographer

Eric Bloomquist: Auctioneer

Amy Wikoff: Realtor

Don Svaty: Politician

Jeff Brooks: Electrician

Dr. Brian Schaulis and Ann Swander: Dentist and

Dental Hygienist

Donny Marrs: Architect

Grace Gleu-Burke: Lab Technician

Cary Wikoff: Accountant

Henry Diehl: Meteorologist

Throughout the day, the students had the opportunity to explore six different careers. They were able to listen to the career reps speak about their specific careers and could also ask them any questions that they might have had. We hope that the career fair gave students a better idea of some of the career options that they have and the education and training that they might need to face their future endeavors.

## CPTA

### CPTA Meetings

CPTA will NOT be having a meeting in December. The next CPTA meeting will be held on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the ESE music room. Many upcoming events will be discussed. We will have refreshments, free babysitting for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and younger, and a door prize drawing. We hope to see you there!

### Prairie Land Food

CPTA has decided to discontinue the Prairie Land Food service due to lack of volunteers and participation. If you would like to order Prairie Land Food from another organization in Salina, please contact Kim Parks, 825-5394, for contact information.

### CPTA Fall Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone who purchased items from the elementary students during November. Items are shipped directly to the students that sold them. Once they have received their items, they will be responsible for delivering to anyone who ordered from them. Funds raised will be put towards projects for the new building. Your support is appreciated!

### Read with Santa

Please join us on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm. We will listen to Santa read some great holiday stories and enjoy milk and cookies. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras to take pictures of their student with Santa. Happy holidays!

### Santa Shopping

Elementary students are invited to come to the grade school on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00 to shop for their families for Christmas. CPTA will have inexpensive items for the students to buy for their family members and friends. This service project will require many volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Courtney Clifford-Schneider, at 577-3382 or at [cpta@ellsaline.org](mailto:cpta@ellsaline.org).

### Elementary Yearbook

The Elementary yearbook staff is looking for pictures of the elementary students to include in our yearbook. If you have any you would like to share or would like to order a book, please contact Courtney Clifford-Schneider, at 577-3382, or at [cpta@ellsaline.org](mailto:cpta@ellsaline.org). Thanks for the help.

## **CPTA MINUTES for Monday, November 16, 2009**

### Attendance:

Darcy Bradley	Jamie Bradley	Angela Hopkins
Lisa Wilvers	Desiree O'Shea	Julie Weems
Dana Sprinkle	Dawn Piercece	Dana Edgerton
Diane Schultz	Andrea Rhodes	Kim Parks
Mindy Schneider	Mendee Kramer	Courtney Clifford-Schneider

### Principal's Report:

- H1N1 vaccine update was given; volunteers will be needed when the school administers the vaccine. The vaccine is now scheduled to be administered on 12/3.
- The Elmo's have arrived at the school and are being used.
- There has been an outbreak of chickenpox at the school and notes went home this week letting all families know of this.

Minutes were read from the October meeting. Diane Shultz made motion to approve these and Mindy Schneider seconded. All approved.

### Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$10,736.47

Library Fund Balance: \$4,156.47

A check was given to the Robbins family in the amount of \$5000. Any further donations will be sent to the family.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Sock-Hop

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported that she had heard a few comments about the amount of sweets and junk food available to the students during the dance. Discussion was held on some ideas for next year on how to cut back on this. Overall comments were that it went very well.

#### Chili Fund Raiser

A check was given to the Robbins family for \$5000. We sold 275 chili meals. Meals are still being provided for the family on Monday and Thursday nights and the calendar is full through December with volunteers.

#### Monarch Portraits

It was discussed that the junior/senior high will also be having Monarch take portraits and they will be charging \$2 more a packet in order to make profit to benefit the school. Discussion was held and CPTA decided not to raise the packet price at the elementary level.

#### Die Cuts

Kim Parks reported that a request has been made to order a die cut that cost around \$125. The die cut is a fraction set and would benefit many classrooms. A motion was made by Darcy Bradley and seconded by Andrea Rhodes to increase the budget for die cuts to \$250. Motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Cardinal Foundation

Jamie Bradley reported that the Cardinal Foundation will again this year be asking for families to donate money in their teacher's name to the Cardinal Foundation. Cards will be available to families to let the teacher know how much was donated in their name. The foundation is asking that CPTA again this year match what families donate up to \$500. Kim Parks made a motion that CPTA match donations to the Cardinal Foundation up to \$500 and Darcy Bradley seconded. Motion passed.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Courtney Clifford-Schneider asked if CPTA would be willing to rent the inflatables that are used during the school carnival to the After Prom committee for the high school to use at after prom. Discussion was held on replacement cost, wear and tear, and liability. It was decided that CPTA at this time is not going to make these available to rent.

Dana Edgerton reported that the 4-H club will be sponsoring babysitting at the grade school so that parents can go Christmas shopping. More information will be available on this event.

#### Door Prize

**WINNER OF A SCENTSY PLUG IN WARMER - MINDY SCHNEIDER!!**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:30 pm**

Submitted by Secretary, Mendee Kramer

## **THANK YOU**

This is a thank you note written by a 4th grade student regarding her class's trip to Kanopolis Lake and the hike of Horsethief Canyon.

Dear Wendy, (the guide)

Thank you for the wonderful time. You taught me a lot about nature and how Indians lived. My favorite part was the whole thing!! The caves were great, too. I learned that in square canyons Indians and cowboys stole and hid horses in them. It was a beautiful day to hike!!

Climbing over the rocks was fun. It is kind of an outdoor classroom. I think it was the best field trip I ever had!

Sincerely,  
Faith Wolf

## **DIG FOR THE CURE**

We would like to thank all 31 teams that participated in this years tournament. We raised \$4500!! Part of the proceeds will go to a single mother with breast cancer and no health insurance. Special thanks go to Phyllis Loder for doing concessions and Deena Jilka for doing our shirts. Also, Kim Barkley and Larry Laas for going above and beyond in getting more donations. We thank you all, and our survivor thanks you too!!

Laurie Came  
Emily Smith  
Jodi Smith

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org)

Dec. 1 HS Winter Sports Parents Meeting  
Dec. 1 5:00 & 6:00 HS BB Scrimmage  
Dec. 3 4:00 MS BB Little River @ ES  
Dec. 4 4:30 HS BB Peabody-Burns @ ES  
Dec. 5 TBA KMEA Regional @ Manhattan  
Dec. 7 TBA HS BB Lincoln/Russell Tourney  
Dec. 8 TBA HS BB Lincoln/Russell Tourney  
Dec. 10 4:00 MS BB @ Trinity Catholic  
Dec. 10 TBA HS BB Lincoln/Russell Tourney  
Dec. 11 FFA @ Hutchinson  
Dec. 11 TBA HS BB Lincoln/Russell Tourney  
Dec. 12 ACT Test Date  
Dec. 14 NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-service  
Dec. 14 4:00 MS BB Remington @ ES  
Dec. 14 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office  
Dec. 15 4:30 HS BB Moundridge @ ES  
Dec. 17 4:00 MS BB @ Inman  
Dec. 17 6:30-7:30 Read with Santa  
Dec. 18 8:20 Elementary Christmas Party  
Dec. 18 4:30 HS BB @ Little River  
Dec. 18 End of Quarter/Semester  
Dec. 21 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday  
Dec. 22-Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL—Winter Break  
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day  
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve  
Jan. 1 New Year's Day

## THANK YOU

The Robbins family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every person who organized, donated, and attended the recent chili feed and bake sale for us. We feel very lucky to be a part of USD 307 and the Brookville community. Your kindness and generosity are both helpful and healing. Thank you!

Brett, Karody, Prairie, and Rhett Robbins

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