



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

September 2007

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Ell-Saline USD 307 has openings for a Full-time Bus Driver and Substitute Bus Drivers. CDL preferred but not needed to apply. District will pay to obtain CDL, First Aid, Defensive Driving. Salary minimum is set at \$10.20 per hour with a 2-hour per route guarantee. This position requires mandatory drug testing.

Ell-Saline USD 307 has an opening for a full-time Custodian at the elementary school. This is a year-round position. Salary minimum is set at \$9.30 per hour for 8 hours per day.

Persons interested should contact the district office at 785-225-6813 or 412 E. Anderson, Brookville, KS 67425

NEW 2-PERSON ATHLETIC PASS

The board approved the use of a 2-Person Athletic Pass, as well as continuing the Student Activity Pass. The price of the 2-Person Athletic Pass was set at \$150.00. This is 75% of the total admission price of 2 adults attending every home Middle School and High School athletic contest. The cost of the Student Activity Pass remains at \$10.00. These passes are good only for regular season home contests and do not include tournaments or KSHSAA playoff games. The pass can be purchased at the middle/high school office or at home games.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

August 13 Board Meeting Report

All board members were present. Action taken was on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

6:45 P.M. BUDGET HEARING

The budget was adopted as presented. The overall mill levy is set at 48.842. This is a decrease of 1.086 mills from last year. Jay Langley, the district auditor with Clubine & Rettele, helped with explanations and answering questions.

Prior to adjournment Jay also gave a brief report on last year's audit. No infractions or violations were noted in the audit. He and the other staff members from Clubine & Rettele that worked on the audit were very complimentary of the work done by our District Treasurer, Ann Krone, and our Board Clerk, Susan Rose.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING
AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD
None.

REPORTS

BOE – None

Mr. Alexander – Reported on: current enrollment of 231 students with 14 of them being new out-of-district students; class schedules; adding on-line courses through Cloud County Community College to the list of offerings for our students; PowerSchool software; fall sports participation numbers; the grounds and buildings being ready for school and that Booster Club is working on a landscaping project outside the building as well as installing new trophy cases in the main entry way to the gymnasiums; a lightening policy for outside activities; and beginning of school in-services.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Reported on: the building already being busy with staff members in working to get their classrooms and hallways ready; the beginning teachers and their mentor teachers working together; the grounds and buildings being ready for school and the custodians having done a great job; new traffic patterns for student drop-off and pick-up to work on student/parent/bus safety; enrollment went well and many old textbooks, workbooks and library books were given away to families that wished to have them; and current enrollment of 239 with 17 of them being new out-of-district students.

Mr. Minneman – Reported on: summer cleaning and maintenance projects being basically completed; beginning of school in-service activities; the unfunded legislative mandate of having a Bullying Plan/Policy in place by January 1, 2008; read two thank you notes and shared a list of meetings he will be attending out-of-the district before the next regular meeting.

BUSINESS

Executive Session – This time was used to discuss negotiations and personnel. No action was taken.

Accept Resignation – Jeri Clouston's resignation, with the stipulation of assessing Liquidated Damages, was accepted.

New Hire – Mr. Aaron Gipson was approved as a MS/HS English teacher. He has a BA in English and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence. This will be his first year of teaching.

Classified Position – Mrs. Andrea Rhodes was approved as a lunch time aid at the elementary school.

Negotiations – The list of negotiated Tentative Agreements was approved.

Classified & Administrative Staff Salaries – The list of recommendations was approved. The salary increases were set at 4% which is the same as for the returning certified staff.

Out-of-District Students – The list of out-of-district students presented by Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Sprinkle in their reports was approved.

Calendar Committee Representative – Jamie Bradley volunteered to serve as the board representative on the committee again this year.

Staff Recognition – Recognizing all new staff members,

and the returning staff members with 5-year in-district experience, at half-time of the September 14 football game was approved.

Activity Pass – The board approved the use of a 2-Person Athletic Pass at a price of \$150.00 and continuing the \$10.00 Student Activity Pass. The \$150.00 price is 75% of the total cost of 2 adults attending every home Middle School and High School athletic contest. The pass is good only for regular season contests and does not include tournaments or KSHSAA playoff games.

Baseball Field – Information was shared regarding the Salina Parks and Recreation Department decision to restrict the use of their baseball fields for hosting our home baseball games. For this year and next we can host home games only during March and mid-April with there being no guarantee of rescheduling for rain outs. This arrangement ends at the conclusion of the spring of 2009 season (next year) at which time we will not be allowed the use of any of Salina's fields. It was the consensus of the board to pursue upgrading our current practice field to game conditions.

Supplemental Positions – The following were approved: Asst. MS Volleyball Coach – Michelle Gonzales; HS Scholar's Bowl Coach – Paul Alexander; and MS Scholar's Bowl Coach – Chris Carazo.

There were two Executive Sessions (Personnel, Negotiations). No action was taken following either of them.

Prior to adjournment a letter of resignation from board member Rod Barker was read. He has accepted a new position and they will be moving out of the district.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

Tentative September Agenda Items

SRO Report

2006-2007 Testing Updates

New Hires

AFTER PROM

Parents attending the After Prom meeting on Monday, August 20 were: Connie Cates, Kirk Cates, Lisa Armstrong, Scott Rohrig & Julie Rohrig.

Julie reported the car bash fund raiser during the Tri Rivers Fair made \$510.50 bringing the After Prom account balance to \$3895.21. Thank-you notes will be sent to the businesses that helped sponsor this event. Homemade cinnamon rolls will be available to buy again this year during home football games and possibly basketball games.

It was decided to send letters to all Junior/Senior parents explaining about After Prom. Letters will also be sent to area businesses asking for donations of cash or prizes for the upcoming year. Due to low parent participation and lack of funding we are considering changing the place of After Prom from Jumpin' Joes to All Star Lanes for the 2008 year. The next meeting will be Monday, September 17 @ 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the high school. All parents with a Junior or Senior are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Julie Rohrig

ENGINES NEEDED

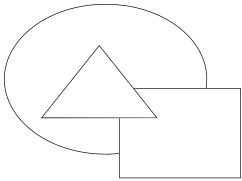
Power Tech II class is in need of Briggs and Stratton engines to overhaul. 3 ½ to 5 horsepower engines are ideal. The engines do not have to run. Please contact John Johnson at the high school to donate. Thank you.

METALCRAFT CLASS OFFERED

A Metalcraft class will be offered on Wednesday evenings this fall starting September 12 and running through November 14. Class will meet from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Metalworking basics will be taught which include using:

- the torch to heat, bend, and cut.
- the mig welder to tack and make small welds.
- the plasma cutter to cut metal.
- the cnc plasma cutter to cut designs.

Small projects can then be made with experience gained. Cost is \$100.00 plus material costs for projects. This class is a non-credit class, but can be taken for college credit through Cloud County Community College with arrangement. Anyone who is a junior in high school or older can take this class. For questions or to enroll call John Johnson (home 785-225-6818, school 785-225-6633). Class is limited to first ten people to sign up.



Math Tutoring

Mrs. Phillimore's Room

Monday & Wednesday

3:45 – 4:30 P.M.

Tutoring sessions will begin
after Labor Day.

Admission Representatives Admission representatives from colleges will be visiting Ell-Saline during the next few months. They have been invited to come during the Activity hour on Fridays. The following scholarship applications are now available in the counseling office.

Dane G. Hansen Scholarship – Vocational Education
Criteria: can't lead to a 4-year degree, a 3.50 GPA is not necessary, there is no test
Amount: \$1,500
Deadline: Vocational Education – Oct. 3

Dane G. Hansen Scholarships – Hansen Leaders of Tomorrow, The Hansen Scholar, The Hansen Student
Criteria: 3.5 GPA, participants in the school's extra-curricular and community's activities, good citizenship, leadership, moral integrity and be proficient in written and oral skills, and a qualifying exam (**Sept. 13 1:00 – 4:00**)
Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000, some renewable
Deadline: **Sign up in counseling office by Sept. 31st, 2:00 pm**

NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse
Any student planning to compete in either Division I or Division 2 of the NCAA must meet the requirements of the NCAA. Any student considering this participation should see Mrs. Rickman to discuss the specific requirements and begin the process online ASAP.

Kansas Qualified Admissions
Class of 2007 students wishing to attend any of the six Kansas Regents Universities: Emporia State, Ft. Hays, Kansas State, Pittsburg State, University of Kansas and Wichita State, are required to meet one of the following requirements:
Achieve an ACT composite score of 21 or above, or
Rank in the top one-third of your high school's graduating class, or
Complete the Qualified Admission curriculum with at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. This curriculum is listed in the enrollment book. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Rickman.

ACT/SAT Testing
ACT

Test Date	Registration	Late Registration
October 27	September 21	October 5, 2007
December 8	November 2	November 15
February 9	January 4	January 18, 2008
April 12	March 7	March 21
June 14	May 9	May 23

Students may register for the ACT online at www.act.org
Students may register for SAT online at www.collegeboard.com

It is recommended that students take the ACT/SAT for the first time in April or June of the Junior year. The math section covers an area of Algebra II usually not addressed until later in the year. This still af-

fords students the opportunity to retake the test, if necessary, in the fall. Registration materials for both tests are available in the counseling office.

Seniors

Transcript Release Form....

Any Senior who has not completed a transcript release form should see Mrs. Rickman, to pick up a form to allow the release of their transcript to schools as requested by the student and parent.

Scholarship Information....

In addition to the Echo, monthly scholarship newsletters are given to Seniors through one of their required classes or a copy may be picked up in the Counseling Center.

ACT....

College-bound students should be signing up for another chance at the ACT.

College Visits....

Seniors will be allowed two absences per year for post-secondary visitations. These must be arranged in advance. Please follow these guidelines when scheduling a college visit.

- 1) Call the admissions office of the school which you wish to visit and schedule an appointment.
- 2) Pick up a [school visitation request form](#) from the counselor or print it off of the web, fill it out and return it to the main office. (Mrs. Cole) This must be completed 24 hours before you visit the college.
- 3) The student needs to bring back a signed brochure from the college that was visited.

Juniors

PSAT test...

Especially those Juniors who are planning on college should think about taking the PSAT test. Sign up in the counseling office by September 17.

There will be a Junior/Senior/Parent Night on September 19th at 6:30 PM.

HOMECOMING

The Ell-Saline Homecoming football game will be September 28 against Solomon. The crowning festivities will occur at half time.

The Homecoming Dance will be Saturday September 29, starting at 8 pm and ending at 11:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

Submitted by Lee Weis

MINI SPIRIT CLINICS

Once again the HS Cheerleaders and Dancers are holding mini spirit clinics. There will be one for Cheerleading during football season and one for Dance during basketball season.

If you have already registered you will receive more information closer to the dates (TBA). This information will be sent home with your child.

If you have any questions or would like to pre register your child for these activities please feel free to call me.

The costs for these clinics are \$18 for Cheer; \$18 for Dance; or both for \$32.

Dawn Cox

HS Cheer/Dance Sponsor

M-F 8am - 5 pm 785-825-1671 ext. 123

Evenings and Weekends 785-827-9354

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org.

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| Sept. 3 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day | Sept. 21 ACT Registration Deadline |
| Sept. 4 4:00 HS VB @ Berean Academy | Sept. 21 7:00 HS FB Ellsworth @ ES |
| Sept. 4 6:00 JV FB @ Sedgwick | Sept. 21 Elementary Night |
| Sept. 4 6:00 ESIC Meeting @ ESEL | Sept. 22 9:00 HS JV VB @ Inman |
| Sept. 6 4:00 MS VB @ Sedgwick | Sept. 24 9:00 Ag Sales |
| Sept. 6 6:00 MS FB @ Sedgwick | Sept. 24 FFA Entomology/Greenhand Conf. @ Chapman |
| Sept. 7 State Fair begins | Sept. 24 6:00 HS JV FB @ Ellsworth |
| Sept. 7 7:00 HS FB @ Remington | Sept. 25 4:00 HS VB Sedgwick/Trinity Catholic @ ES |
| Sept. 8 8:00 HS VB Tourney @ Sylvan Grove | Sept. 25 4:00 MS VB @ Bennington |
| Sept. 9-15 State Fair week | Sept. 25 6:00 MS FB @ Bennington |
| Sept. 9 Grandparents Day | Sept. 26 HOA Leadership @ HCC |
| Sept. 10 6:00 HS JV FB Remington @ ES | Sept. 26 4:15-8:15 Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Sept. 10 7:00 BOE Meeting @ ESDO | Sept. 27 NO SCHOOL |
| Sept. 11 4:00 HS VB Bennington/Peabody-Burns @ ES | Sept. 27 7:00am-7:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Sept. 11 6:30-8:00 ESEL Book Fair | Sept. 28 NO SCHOOL |
| Sept. 12 8:30 CEP Test | Sept. 28 7:00 V FB Solomon @ ES |
| Sept. 13 4:00 MS VB Remington @ ES | Sept. 28 Homecoming |
| Sept. 13 6:00 MS FB Remington @ ES | Sept. 29 Homecoming Dance |
| Sept. 14 7:00 HS FB Trinity Catholic @ ES | |
| Sept. 14 District Staff Recognition Night | |
| Sept. 15 9:00 HS VB Tourney @ Tescott | |
| Sept. 17 6:00 HS JV FB @ Trinity Catholic | |
| Sept. 17 6:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESEL | |
| Sept. 17 6:30 After Prom Meeting @ ESHS | |
| Sept. 17 Citizenship Day | |
| Sept. 18 4:00 HS VB @ Moundridge | |
| Sept. 19 FFA Land Judging @ Ellsworth | |
| Sept. 19 6:30 Junior/Senior Parent Night | |

EII-Saline Middle/High School Volunteer Opportunities

Our middle/high school activities provide patrons and friends a chance to volunteer for various positions at our activities. Such positions are ticket takers, timers, clock operators, scorers and any other positions that come available depending on the event. As positions become filled you may be asked to fill another position. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Carazo at the district office (225-6813).

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