

## April 14 Board Meeting Report

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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD: None

### REPORTS

BOE – Jamie Bradley reported on the Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, June 7, at Rolling Hills Zoo.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: state assessment updates; May 22 In-Service Day activities; Kindergarten RoundUp being April 23; and student activities.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: state assessment update; student honors and activities; and potential technology changes for next year.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: \$10,278 in energy savings during November, December and January as a result of physical changes initiated last year; education funding bill; potential district technology changes for next year; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

### BUSINESS

Accept Resignations—The following resignations were accepted: Doug Wilson, all teaching and all coaching/sponsorships; Chris Carazo, MS Science teaching; Cary Wilson, Asst. HS Girls' Basketball coach; Kevin Patrick, Cross Country coach; Nikki Davenport, HS Cheerleader/Dance sponsor; Darcy Bradley, MS Cheerleader sponsor; and Spencer Parker, part-time custodian.

Approve New Hires—The following individuals were approved: Megan Harding, Kindergarten teacher; Emily Komarek, Title I teacher; Bobbi Base, MS/HS cook; and Levi Debold, Asst. Baseball coach. 6-0 (Mitch Drees excused himself from the room)

Winter Sport Supplemental Positions—The winter sport supplemental coaches/sponsors were approved for the same positions as they were this year with the exception of those whose resignations had already been accepted. 6-1 (Marty Kramer)

Licensed Personnel Positions—All teachers currently on staff were approved for contracts for next year with the exception of those whose letter of retirement or resignation had been accepted earlier.

Board Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading—These were approved as presented.

Boys' Golf Program—One of the requirements for the district to support a Boys' Golf team was that there be enough participants for a full team which is four. Although there are only three students out this spring it was decided that since the program is being funded through a private donation the program would be allowed to continue.

Kansas College and Career Ready Standards—Information was shared on the status of state assessments and the KITE operating system as well as on guidelines for the Multiple Measures of Student Growth requirement in the teacher evaluation system.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Brookville. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jeff Parker, Vice-President Marty Kramer or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN



4-H has been a fun activity for me over the past 8 years. It's a great way to learn about new projects and meet new people. Some of the projects I have been in are: clothing buymanship, foods, horticulture, visual arts, photography, food preservation and leadership. My favorite is clothing buymanship. I have received many ribbons at the Tri Rivers Fair, including Grand Champions in Photography and Visual Arts. The best color is purple! If you receive a purple ribbon, you can take your projects to the State Fair. Last year, I was able to take my cardinal collage art project, photography, and food canning to the State Fair. I received a purple ribbon on my photo of a baseball and it was selected for a special state award.



I pledge ...

... to my club, my community,  
my country, and the world.

4-H also has many activities during the year. You can attend club meetings with other members. You can do community service, serve on committees and work in a concession stand. I like to model in the Style Re-veue also! I think other people should join 4-H to have fun and learn new things. You can choose any kinds of projects, including horse, rabbits, fishing and more. There are three 4-H clubs represented by Ell-Saline students: Stoney Ridge, Rolling Meadows, and Cardinal. For more information, contact me, Nick Griffin.

May

Fun Facts

## May Is Osteoporosis Prevention Month



It's pretty hard for kids to relate to a disease that might affect them when they get old! But we can – and should – guide them to build healthy bones! The reason? School-age and teenage years are critical windows for helping kids develop the strongest, densest bones possible, and reduce their risk for fractures now and the bone-thinning disease, osteoporosis, when they are adults. Three key steps you can take as a parent are to:

- 1. Make sure that your child gets 3-Every-Day™ of Dairy.** Both MyPyramid for Kids and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend 3 daily servings of dairy to reduce children's risk for fractures now and osteoporosis later in life. Dairy foods, like low-fat milk, cheese and yogurt, provide calcium and eight other essential nutrients that help build strong bones.
- 2. Teach kids to think of their bones as a savings account.** They are depositing calcium now, when they are young, so they have enough to "withdraw" later in life. As they get taller and their bones get longer, they need to deposit more calcium into the account. Kids might be interested to know that between ages 11 and 20 they develop close to half their skeletal mass!
- 3. Encourage kids to move.** Regular physical activity helps kids build strong bones, too.

## Kids' Corner

Regular, weight-bearing activity not only helps kids build strong bones, it helps you maintain strong bones, too. So revisit your childhood and join your kids for some "weight-bearing fun and games." Play:

- Freeze Tag
- Leap Frog
- Jump Rope
- Hopscotch
- Simon Says
- Football Toss

Forget how to play? Just ask your kids. They'll know! For more ideas visit [www.NFLRush.com](http://www.NFLRush.com) > Play 60.

## Easy, Cheesy Calzone



Can't think of what to make for dinner? Try this fun twist on the ever-popular pizza dish and get your family to eat veggies along with calcium-rich cheese.

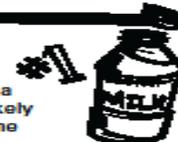
- 16 ounces prepared pizza dough
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce
- 2 cups shredded, part-skim mozzarella
- 3 cups cooked, chopped broccoli, drained
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease a baking sheet. Roll dough on a lightly floured surface to form a 9 x 14-inch rectangle, about 1/4-inch thick. Transfer to prepared baking sheet. Spread pizza sauce over half of the dough. Sprinkle cheese over entire piece of dough to within a half inch of all of the edges. Layer broccoli on half of the 14-inch side of the dough. Fold dough in half over the cheese and broccoli filling. Seal edges by pressing with the tines of a fork. Prick top. Brush with butter. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until crust is lightly browned. Allow to cool for 5 minutes before cutting.

Makes 8 servings

Source: Recipe created for 3-Every-Day™ of Dairy by Elizabeth Ward, MS, RD.

## Did You Know...?



Research shows that kids who go for a container of milk at lunch are more likely to make the calcium grade. Lunch-time milk drinkers meet or exceed the recommended calcium intake for both lunch and the entire day compared to kids who drink other beverages at lunch. They also have higher intakes of vitamin A and zinc, two nutrients typically low in kids' diets.<sup>1</sup> Kids have a choice of milk every day in the cafeteria. Whether they eat School Lunch or lunch from home, have them make milk the beverage of choice.

1. Johnson, RK, et al. *Journal of Child Nutrition and Management*. 1998, 2:95-100.

# Student/Staff of the Month



Paige Johnson is the daughter of Ralph and Brenda. She has two sibling named Lane and Lee. Paige participates in PALS, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Track, Volleyball, Basketball, NHS, FFA, Friends of Rachel, and FCA. She is also involved in the Brookville United Methodist Church and is in charge of the Annual FFA Easter Egg Hunt. Paige loves hanging out with her family and friends and plans on attending Kansas Wesleyan to major in elementary education with a minor in physical education. Way to go Paige!

Zaide Korb is our middle school student of the month. He is in the 8th grade; he has six siblings named Tyler, Chase, Darby, Colter, Aubrey, and Clayton. Zaide plays football, basketball, and track. He loves to farm and stay active! Zaide plans on attending college to major in Ag Science!



Jon Ogden is our April staff member of the month! He has been a Para for the last six months. He enjoys camping, hunting, golfing, cooking, and spending time with friends. Jon plans on having a great vacation in Australia. He has also worked as a corrections officer for the Saline County Sherriff's Office for 21 years prior to this job.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

May 1	7:00 5-12 Band & Music Concert	May 13	Senior Trip
May 1	Technology Ed. Fair @ Hays	May 13	11:00 MS TR HOA League @ Moundridge
May 2	10:00 HS TR @ Beloit (Relays)	May 13	1:00-3:30 Gr. 1-2 Reading Celebration
May 2	3:00 HS SB/BSB @ Bennington	May 13	6:30 CPTA Talent Show
May 2	Technology Ed. Fair @ Hays	May 14	Senior Trip
May 3	Junior/Senior Prom	May 14	6th Gr. Shadow Day
May 4	State FFA Competition @ KSU	May 15	1:00-3:30 Gr. 3-4 Reading Celebration
May 5	State FFA Competition @ KSU	May 15	7:00 HS Awards Night
May 5	6:30 CPTA Mtg. @ EL	May 16	8:30 Graduation Rehearsal
May 6	AR Party in the Park	May 16	3:00 HS TR HOA League Meet @ Marion
May 6	9:00 MS TR St. John Catholic @ Beloit	May 17	1:30 High School Graduation
May 6	3:00 HS TR @ Tescott	May 19	MS/HS Semester Finals
May 6	3:00 HS SB/BSB Sedgwick @ ES	May 19	TBA HS SB/BSB Regionals @ Lincoln
May 6	State FFA Competition @ KSU	May 20	11:45 All School Picnic @ EL
May 7	9:00 HOA Industrial Arts/Ag Fair @ Moundridge	May 20	12:30 Play Day @ EL
May 7	6:00 Senior Trip Parents Mtg.	May 20	MS/HS Semester Finals
May 7	6:30 Booster Club Mtg.	May 20	7:00 MS Awards Night
May 9	ACT Registration Deadline	May 21	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:00 Dismissal</b>
May 9	1:00-3:30 Gr. 5-6 Reading Celebration	May 21	9:00 EL Pep Rally
May 9	3:00 HS TR @ Lincoln (Relays)	May 21	Kdg Recognition
May 9	4:30 HS BSB @ Ellsworth	May 21	TBA HS SB/BSB Regionals @ Lincoln
May 10	Senior Trip	May 23	3:00 HS TR Regionals @ Smith Center
May 11	Senior Trip	May 26	MEMORIAL DAY
May 11	MOTHER'S DAY	May 29	HS SB/BSB State @ Great Bend
May 12	Senior Trip	May 30	HS SB/BSB State @ Great Bend
May 12	4:00 HS TR HOA FR/SO Meet @ Bennington	May 30	HS TR State @ WSU
May 12	7:00 BOE Mtg. @ DO	May 31	HS TR State @ WSU

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

We are now very close to “crossing home plate” for this school year. By the time you receive this we will have less than 4 weeks left until we have crossed home plate, the final score will have been recorded and school will be over for the 2013-2014 school year. It seems like such a short time ago that we were just stepping into the batter's box. This has truly been an enjoyable, positive, successful, fast year for students, staff and patrons alike.

In the next couple of weeks we have the opportunity to look back over the students' accomplishments of this year with the various awards and performance nights. For our seniors we will get to take part not only in recognizing their accomplishments of this year at the Awards Night on May 15 but also to share in their celebration of the past thirteen years with their graduation exercises on May 17. For our 8<sup>th</sup> graders we will get to hear of their accomplishments of this year and to challenge them to not only continue that, but also to build on it throughout their next four years in high school, during their Awards Night on May 20. I encourage each of you to attend as many of these events as you can to support our students.

Along with looking back over the past years, we are also looking forward to next year as kindergarten round-up and enrollment are taking place. Our preliminary count of kindergartners for next year is 39. We have been interviewing candidates, hiring new staff members and beginning to order necessary supplies. We are balancing next year's needs between this, and next year's, budgets.

As we do those things this year, it is again with a great deal of uncertainty about next year's, and future years', budgets. Yes, the legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Substitute for House Bill 2506 which is the school funding bill. There are advertisements being aired that praise them for not only meeting the Supreme Court's ruling that the state had to fully fund its responsibility of state aid for Capital Outlay and Local Option Budget (LOB) funds but also for providing millions of additional dollars for K-12 education. Don't be fooled into taking that at face value because, as they say, the devil's in the details. Some of the money they are using to fund those comes by taking it away from other areas of the school funding formula. Most notably those areas are the regular At-Risk Weighting and the Non-Proficient At-Risk Weighting. These are weightings that are targeted for our most needy students. The loss for us from these two weightings amounts to \$35,978. They did, however, approve a \$14 increase in the Base State Aid Per Pupil (BSAPP) which would give us \$11,740 and an increase in the LOB base which would give us \$13,342. With that, we are still projected to have a **decrease** in our General Fund of \$10,896. The only way that we will have an increase in our budget next year is if we increase our LOB. So their claim there is misleading.

The majority of the additional dollars, \$166,706.00, they are putting into the LOB does not increase our spending ability. What it does do, though, is good news to our patrons. Those dollars are the full state aid portion which should have been paid for years and will now allow us to reduce our LOB mill levy while still maintaining the same amount of LOB dollars. So even though they are able to say they are putting more dollars into schools, they are not giving us more dollars to spend unless we increase our LOB. As I said earlier, the devil's in the details. Again, their claim is misleading.

This month the state's Consensus Revenue Estimating group met and revised this year's estimate by an increase of \$105.6M (million) and next year's by \$74.3M. This sounds really good. Again, however, the devils' in the details. This increase doesn't mean that revenue is actually growing—only that it will be higher than was originally projected. The amount now projected for this year is still \$380M **below** where it was last year. The main reason for this loss is a 14% drop in individual income taxes and that is not expected to increase next year. Again, the devil's in the details. Along with the tax cuts enacted last year, this year in the school funding bill, corporations will be allowed an income tax deduction of up to \$8,000 per student as a scholarship for at-risk students attending a federal Title I focus or priority school to attend a private school. Not only does this further reduce state funding for public schools, potentially up to \$10M, but is also a way of furthering their efforts to fund private schools. The ironic part is that they reduced funding for public at-risk students and will now provide funding for that same category of students to attend a private school.

Regardless of the challenges that are put in front of us by action of the legislature and Governor, you can be assured that your Board of Education will continue to provide a budget that will allow your children to receive a quality education. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the EII-Saline USD 307 school district. Please call or stop in so we can visit about the many good things going on in your district.

## STATE ASSESSMENT UPDATE

As you undoubtedly are aware from either hearing about it on TV or reading about it in the paper, taking the state assessments has been very frustrating across the state this year. All the difficulties prompted KSDE to extend the end of the assessment window by two weeks. Like many districts, we postponed starting to take the assessments until we were more confident that our students would not encounter many of the technology problems that districts starting earlier had encountered. This has proven to be a good move! We have now finished the majority of the assessments and have encountered very few problems. By the time you are reading this we should only have a few assessments left to make up by students that were absent on the day their class took it.

For the past several years we have become accustomed to receiving student, building and district results of the assessments shortly after they were completed. At the start of this year KSDE made it known that would not be the case this year but the results would likely be available next August. We have not heard any differently but since the assessment window was extended for two weeks we are anticipating that results might be delayed. Also, it is our understanding that since this is a pilot year for the new assessments that only building and district results, not individual student results, will be available.

Even if we don't receive individual student results, it is still beneficial to us for having taken them. First, the students will have had the opportunity to become familiar with the new type of questions and the technology enhanced features. Second, the teachers will have had the opportunity to see how well our teaching of the new standards is matching the way in which students will be tested. Third, the students are reporting the new assessments seem to be easier than the previous ones. All of this gives me reason to believe that when the assessment results are again official, our results will show staff have our students well prepared.

## Summer Reading Ideas:

Katie Swank, Title I Teacher

- \* Summer School-We have an amazing summer school program at Ell-Saline that is more like a camp and the kids love it! It's a fun way to keep them learning and maintain those social friendships that they long for during the summer.
- \* Tutoring-having a tutor for your child is a great way to help your child maintain what they've learned over the school year in a one on one setting. Call me at the school and I can set you up with names of different tutors in the area.
- \* Visiting the Salina Library is a great way to keep your kids reading and they have a wonderful program that keeps them motivated.
- \* You could have your children create their own book, with photos or illustrations of your activities this summer and their own commentary. This is great writing practice and makes a wonderful summer memory book. Building background knowledge isn't just fun, it's also a great way to spend your summer!

