

SEPTEMBER 9 BOARD MEETING REPORT

Jamie Bradley and Marty Kramer were absent. Action taken was on a 5-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD: None

REPORTS

BOE – None

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: smooth start to the school year; professional development activities that are taking place this fall and throughout the year; DRA and MAP assessments being administered; the Monsanto grant that the building had applied for was not received; and student activities that are taking place.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: change in lunch routine; enrollment; athletic participation numbers; staff development/curriculum work; parent/coach meeting; and school state fair trip.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: smooth start to the beginning of the year; enrollment numbers; sewer issue at the middle/high school; disposing of old/unused items; staff shirts; KASB Fall Tour; Staff Appreciation Night; read one thank you note; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Student Out-of-State Travel—It was approved for seven FFA members and Mr. Weis to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY.

Approve Elementary Handbook Revision—The proposed revision was approved as presented.

Activity Passes—The use of Activity Passes by board members was discussed. It was also the consensus of the board that passes not be issued to businesses/individuals that help sponsor radio broadcasts/schedules/yearbooks/plays/etc.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 14 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.

ESTE CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 12th

3:30pm—7:00pm



Raffle, Games, Silent Auction

Food & Fun

BRANSON GETAWAY!!



Through the generosity of an Ell-Saline patron, the Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence has been given a 2 weekend night or 3 weekday night stay in a deluxe one bedroom accommodation in Branson, MO. It was the decision of the Cardinal Foundation's Board of Directors to raffle off this gift as a fund raiser. The destination is a Wyndham resort in Branson and it can be used anytime before December 30, 2013, based on availability of space. A \$1 donation entitles you to 1 ticket, a \$5 donation entitles you to 6 tickets and a \$10 donation entitles you to 15 tickets. The drawing will be held at half-time of the final regular season high school home football game with Washington County on **Friday, October 25**. You need not be present to win. To make your donation and receive your tickets see any of the Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors members—Jamie Bradley, Courtney Clifford-Schneider, Traci Dent, Troy Ditto, Marty Kramer, Larry Laas, April Saskowski, Kathy White or Jerry Minneman.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Welcome to autumn from Ell-Saline USD 307. After our cooler and wetter summer than we've had in a few years, it just wouldn't give up without a few days of hot and dry to remind us that summer wasn't yet over. When the ground dries out from the recent rains we will likely see more activity in the fields as they are prepared for planting wheat and not long after that we are likely to see combines rolling as some milo and soybean fields will be ready to be harvested. With the daylight hours becoming fewer, there is a definite coolness in the air as evening approaches and we see the beginning stages of color changes in some tree leaves. Yes, autumn is such a beautiful, picturesque time of year!

It is hard to imagine that by the time this reaches you September will be almost behind us and that we will have been in school for more than a month. Where has the time gone and what has been accomplished? Normally when time goes so quickly it is because of being busy and this has been the case this year. Overall it has been one of the most positive beginnings to a year that I have been a part of for several years. The atmosphere in the buildings is one of calm and order and the staff and students are working hard. Our students have taken the MAP assessment, DRA assessment, had a Book Fair, attended the state fair, participate in K-State Band Day, played volleyball and football games, ran in cross country meets, participated in FFA activities, been on yearbook and other class field trips, and ordered sophomore class rings and senior graduation announcements just to mention some of what has been taking place. Our staff has attended out-of-district workshops, as well as several meetings within their buildings or the district, to gain information on teaching strategies and assessments. It is a busy, productive start to the school year. Thank you to each of you in helping to make this such a great start.

As a district we are only as strong as all parts working together are. This week there will be another great opportunity to put this in to practice. That opportunity is in taking part in Parent-Teacher Conferences. I look forward again to seeing a large turnout and the serious approach that our parents/guardians take in the education of their children. Please don't hesitate to visit your child's teacher at any time during the year that you have questions or concerns. You can also check on your child's progress at any time by going to the PowerSchool link on our district website. Contact the building principal if you need help with your username or password.

Yet another opportunity for all of us to work together is in the continuing implementation of the Common Core standards. In Kansas these are known as Kansas College and Career Ready (KCCR) standards. Over the course of the year, we will provide information about Common Core and strategies that can be used at home to assist parents in helping their children. This will be provided through such means as the ECHO, on our website, and parent meetings just to name a few. On Thursday, October 24, the elementary staff will be hosting a Parent Math Enrichment Night and in February they will hold a Parent Reading Enrichment Night in an effort to provide information. Specific information about these events will be going home to elementary school parents closer to the date of the event. There continues to be misinformation and concerns shared through various media forms about Common Core. I'll cover three of those in this article. **1)** The new standards are a federal mandate. That is false. These are state standards and each state can choose whether or not to adopt them. The Kansas State Board of Education did choose to adopt them. **2)** The new standards will take away local control. This also is false. The standards are not a curriculum. They are simply minimum standards that every student is expected to meet in order to be college or career ready when they graduate from high school. Since they are only standards, each state and local district still gets to determine their own curriculum and how they will meet the standards. **3)** The new standards will create a change in what we're used to seeing schools and teaching look like. That is true. The new standards should cause some shifting in what schools and teaching look like. You should see students do more than just find answers and complete tasks. You should see students working through more complex problems, hear them as they explain their reasons for why they answered the question the way they did and see them using both fiction and non-fiction text to gather information and solve problems. These changes are designed to help our students be better prepared for life after they leave our halls.

A final opportunity of working together that I will mention this month is in trying to avoid the flu bug. Although we've not heard any predictions yet for an outbreak of any flu like illness this winter, it is still important at all times of the year to take precautions and practice good hygiene measures. Reducing the potential spread of any virus provides another opportunity for us all to work together. Three ways for families, students and school staff to reduce the risk of getting sick from the flu are: (1) Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after sneezing or coughing. (2) Practice respiratory etiquette by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing. If a tissue is not available then you should sneeze or cough into your elbow or shoulder rather than into your hands. (3) Staying home when you are sick. Staying at home means that you keep the virus to yourself rather than sharing it with others. It is recommended that individuals with flu-like illnesses stay at home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever reducing medications.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the Ell-Saline USD 307 school district. You can be assured that your children are receiving a quality education.

<i>Free Will Donations</i>	Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner Brookville City Hall	<i>50/50 Raffle</i>
		
Saturday, September 28th 4:00 PM — 8:00 PM Proceeds go to help fund a new HVAC system at City Hall		

SRO Corner!

Well, the school year is underway and I am enjoying getting to know your students! I believe that the students at ESE and ES Mid/High are the best students in the State of Kansas!

I have been trying really hard to make my presence known at the Elementary School as much as possible. I have found out that it takes a very special person to be a kindergarten teacher. Ms. Dodd and Ms. Stavropoulos you both do an amazing job!

As I have watched our students I have noticed that they are attached to their cell phones every single available minute.

Here are 12 social media stats of 2013 everyone should know:

1. The Internet is the second most popular place people go to for news, with 21% of Gallup respondents using the Internet to get news about current events – beating out print media and trailing only to television.
2. According to a Pew Internet survey, 61% of current Facebook users have taken a voluntary break from the social network at one time or another.
3. While users may be leaving Facebook more often now than when the network was first introduced, those staying are using it more when it comes to Liking pages. Socialbakers reports, Facebook users have gone from “liking” an average of 4.5 pages in 2009, to “liking” an average of 40 pages in 2013.
4. Men are twice as likely to be Reddit users as women, Pew Internet reports.
5. Pinterest is now home to 70 million users, an increase of 20 million since February of this year.
6. In the last 2 years, the number of people accessing the Internet via mobile phone is 818.4 million – an increase of 60.3 percent.
7. 45 million photos are uploaded to Instagram every day. The company, which just introduced a 15 second video function, is not yet 3 years old.
8. 100 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute.
9. The Google+ user base grew 33% from June 2012 to March 2013, making it the second largest social network in the world.
10. With all this talk of “Facebook Fatigue,” teens are increasingly turning to Twitter, with 24% of online teens now using Twitter, up from 16% in 2011.
11. **1 in 10 young people were rejected for a job because of content associated with their social profiles.**
12. And the award for the fastest growing social network in the world goes to...Twitter, with the fastest growing age demographic of 55 to 64 year olds, registering an increase in active users of 79 percent.

Parents, I know how hard it is to make sure your child is not getting caught up in the negativity that comes with social media, but being a parent myself, I know that the best of our kids are looking at, talking about, and are involved in, things that they shouldn't be exposed to but with the technology that is available to them it's easier and easier everyday for them to get caught up in stuff that we would have never thought possible when we were their age. I challenge you as a parent to really become involved in your children's social media lives. You will be surprised when you surprise them by saying, “Let me see your phone.” But be prepared!

Have a great month,

Deputy Jerry Hammonds—Ell Saline SRO



EEK! Math! *It's not that scary.*

Please join the teachers of Ell-Saline Elementary in our first ever **Parent Enrichment Night** on **Thursday, October 24th** from **6:15-7:45**. Teachers will be hosting breakout sessions that will help you support your student(s) in the area of math. Childcare will be provided, so don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to learn new strategies to use at home.

The session topics are:

- *Chilling Out About Common Core: Myths vs. Facts about the New Standards
- *Tools for Ghouls: Helpful Math Aides and Manipulatives
- *Batty Behaviors: Organization and Social Skills for all Types of Learners
- *Freaky Fractions & Ghastly Geometry: Helpful Tips to Remember
- *Spooky Math Games: Simple Review Games using Cards or Dice
- *Mummifying Math Sense: Reviewing Number and Computation Skills
- *Paranormal Technology: Technology Activities to Enhance Learning



I'D LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE ABOUT THE BOOK FAIR.

The books have arrived and there is something for everyone. Please remember:



GRAND EVENT: Wednesday, September 25 from 7:30 AM until 8:30 AM.

Grandparents and other older friends are invited to browse the Book Fair with grandchildren. The books will be in the library for this event and they are available for purchase. We will serve breakfast refreshments to the guests but students who have breakfast will need to eat in the lunchroom. RSVP notes went out with children for this event, but if you didn't return an RSVP, your guest is still welcome.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: will be held Wednesday evening and all day Thursday. The Book Fair will be available in the library for anyone who wants to do some shopping.

TEACHERS' WISH LISTS: will be available during all Book Fair events so if you aren't able to attend on Tuesday evening, you can still purchase a book for your child's classroom. Books are available for purchase during the school day. Your child needs to bring money and make arrangements with his/her teacher for a time to make a purchase.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

Oct. 1	4:00 HS CC @ Lyons	Oct. 17	End of the Quarter
Oct. 1	4:00 HS VB Trinity Catholic @ ES	Oct. 18	NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday
Oct. 2	6:00 MS/HS Site Council Mtg.	Oct. 18	7:00 HS FB @ Republic County
Oct. 3	4:30 MS VB @ Moundridge	Oct. 19	9:00 HS VB Varsity HOA League Tournament @ ES
Oct. 3	6:00 MS FB @ Moundridge	Oct. 21	5:00 JV VB @ Minneapolis
Oct. 4	7:00 HS FB @ Plainville	Oct. 21	6:00 JV FB Republic County @ ES
Oct. 5	TBA Jr/Sr High Band Marching in Svensk Hyllingsfest Parade @ Lindsborg	Oct. 21	6:30 CPTA @ EL
Oct. 5	TBA JV VB @ Sylvan Grove	Oct. 22	3:00 MS VB HOA League Tournament @ Bennington
Oct. 7	6:00 JV FB @ Inman	Oct. 22	5:00 HS VB Quad @ ES
Oct. 7	6:00 ESIC Mtg.	Oct. 24	10:00 MS/HS Picture Retakes
Oct. 8	4:00 HS CC @ Ellsworth	Oct. 24	6:15-7:45 Elementary Parent Math Enrichment Night
Oct. 8	4:00 HS VB @ Berean Academy	Oct. 25	7:00 HS FB Washington Co. @ ES
Oct. 9	9:00 FFA @ Clay Center	Oct. 25	Senior Parent Night
Oct. 9	6:30 KU Honors Banquet @ Salina Country Club	Oct. 26	ACT Test Date
Oct. 10	EL Fall Pictures	Oct. 26	TBA HS CC Regionals
Oct. 10	4:10 HS CC @ Sterling	Oct. 26	TBA HS VB Sub-State
Oct. 10	4:30 MS VB Remington @ ES	Oct. 26	6:30-8:00 CPTA Sock Hop @ EL
Oct. 10	6:00 MS FB Remington @ ES	Oct. 29	National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis
Oct. 10	7:00 HOA Vocal Honors Concert @ Berean Academy	Oct. 30	8:30 EL Halloween Parties
Oct. 11	7:00 HS FB Smith Center @ ES	Oct. 31	7:00 HS FB @ Bennington
Oct. 11	Homecoming	Oct. 31	National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis
Oct. 11	Homecoming Dance following the game until 11:30	Oct. 31	HALLOWEEN
Oct. 12	9:00 MS VB B-Team Tournament @ Minneapolis	Nov. 1	NO SCHOOL Teacher-In-Service Day
Oct. 12	3:30-7:00 CPTA Carnival @ EL	Nov. 1	TBA HS VB State @ Emporia
Oct. 14	5:00 HS VB JV Tournament @ Sacred Heart	Nov. 1	National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis
Oct. 14	7:00 BOE Mtg. @ DO	Nov. 1	All Saints Day
Oct. 14	COLUMBUS DAY	Nov. 2	8:00 KMEA HS Auditions @ Junction City
Oct. 15	5:00 HS VB Beloit @ ES	Nov. 2	TBA HS CC State
Oct. 15	Senior Parent Night	Nov. 2	TBA HS VB State @ Emporia
Oct. 16	National Boss's Day	Nov. 2	National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis
Oct. 17	4:30 HOA CC Meet @ Marion		
Oct. 17	4:30 MS VB @ Sedgwick		
Oct. 17	6:00 MS FB @ Sedgwick		

Preschool Exploratory Survey

Fall 2013

Ell-Saline USD 307 is beginning to explore the feasibility of sponsoring a 4-year old preschool program. Part of the information being gathered is the degree of interest from parents for such a program. The responses to the questions below will help guide us in that process. If applicable, please complete the survey and return it to the elementary school.

1. Do you currently have children attending ESE in grades K-6?

YES NO

2. Would your family be interested in ESE providing a preschool program?

YES NO

3. Do you have younger children that could potentially attend an ESE preschool program?

YES NO

4. Would you be more likely to have your child attend a preschool at ESE or in Salina?

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5. Would you be interested in your child attending even if fees were required for attendance?

YES NO

6. Would you be interested in serving on a Preschool Research Team?

YES NO

7. Could we contact you in the future for follow up information?

YES NO

Name: _____

Please turn the survey in to the elementary school office when completed.

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