

**SEPTEMBER 14 BOARD MEETING REPORT**

Jeff Parker was the only board member absent. All action was approved on a 6-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

**AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD**

Mary Ellen Muninger asked if the teachers could also receive the packet of information that the board receives. It was shared that this information is already given to the Ell-Saline KNEA president and other teachers can then get it from her.

**REPORTS**

SRO Lanning – Officer Lanning informed the board of his planned use of the body camera that is required for all sheriff's officers to wear and also updated the board on activities (DARE, Bigs & Littles, GREAT, SAFE) he is involved with.

BOE – None

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teachers Amber Fouard and Kim Parks piloting a new science curriculum; Amber Fouard, Kayla Herrman, Cary Wilson and Tina Jacquart presenting on activities in place that Support Student's Social Emotional Growth at the KSDE Annual Conference in October; Nathan Burgess being nominated for Young Professional of the Year with KAPHERD which is the state organization for physical education teachers; Back to School Night and Class Conferences parent attendance percentages; activities that teach the students about the elementary school behavior expectations; and upcoming activities.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: FFA Chapter receiving a 3-star rating which is the highest rating possible; One-to-One Laptop/Chromebook initiative going well; and our band will be entertaining a group at the Bicentennial Center.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: in October the district will be receiving state assessment scores from last year and the administration will be working on informational messages to parents, teachers and students; September 28 In-Service Day; elementary school power outage; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

**BUSINESS**

- A. Bowling Interest—This was tabled until next month in order to gain more information.
- B. Accept Resignation—Shantay Seim's resignation as the HS Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach was accepted.
- C. Budget Resolution—The resolution stating that the amount of taxes levied for the 2015-16 year exceeds the amount levied for the 2014-15 school year by more than the adjusted Consumer Price Index.
- D. Technology Plan Items—Three items required as part of the Technology Plan were approved as presented. These are exactly the same as last year.
- E. Student Out-of-State Travel—Approval was given for the annual request by Mr. Weis for 10 students and himself to attend the National FFA Convention which this year is in Louisville, KY and is from October 28-31.

There were two Executive Sessions (Personnel, Student Matter).

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 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 Mitch Drees, Vice-President Jeff Parker or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

September MS Student of the Month:

**Angel Cardona**

Angel is in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and is the son of Pablo and Maria Cardona. He has two siblings, Pablo and Elena. In school, he is involved in band, FACS, and football. He enjoys playing with his brother and sister, and hanging out with his friends. Angel plans on attending Kansas Wesleyan to become a mechanic. Way to go, Angel!

September HS Student of the Month:

**Spencer Came**

Spencer is a sophomore and is the son of Bill and Laurie Came. He has two siblings, Kody and Meryn. Spencer participates in PALS, football, basketball, baseball, weight-lifting, is an FFA officer, and is the class vice-president. Spencer enjoys working on the farm, fishing and camping. In the future he plans on attending K-State and majoring in the agriculture field. Good job Spencer!

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK




Welcome to autumn from Ell-Saline USD 307. I see farmers working their ground as they continue preparing for wheat planting. In parts of the district they are working around wet spots from recent rains but yet in other parts they are stirring up dust because of a lack of rain. Much of the corn crop has been harvested and the soybean and milo fields are starting to turn colors. Not long after the wheat is planted we are likely to see combines rolling as the soybean and milo crops are harvested. With the daylight hours becoming fewer, there is a definite coolness in the air as evening approaches, we see the beginning stages of color changes in some tree leaves as well as the multiple colors of fall flowers in bloom. Yes, autumn is truly a beautiful, picturesque time of year!

It is hard to imagine that by the time this reaches you September will be 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 again 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 new staff members are fitting right in and we are seeing considerable increased use of technology by both our staff and students with the 1-to-1 laptop/Chromebook initiative in grades 7 through 12. Our students have taken the MAP assessment, DIBELS diagnostic instrument, had a Book Fair, performed at 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, assessments and use of technology in instruction. 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. Last week Parent-Teacher Conferences were held in each building. It was good to again see the 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.

A final opportunity of working together that I will mention this month is in trying to avoid the flu bug. This fall we have seen more cases of respiratory ailments than we usually have at this time of the year. 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.



**BRANSON GETAWAY!!**

Through the generosity of an Ell-Saline patron, again this year 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 which will be raffled as a fund raiser. The destination is a Wyndham resort in Branson and it can be used any time before December 30, 2015, 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 Republic County on Friday, October 29. 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, Tina Roche, April Saskowski, Julie Weems or Jerry Minneman.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES

At halftime of the football game on Friday, September 11, the Board of Education continued the tradition of recognizing staff members. This program introduces staff members new to the district and recognizes full-time staff members that are returning to the district on 5-year anniversaries and every year past 30. The new staff members received a USD 307 staff shirt and the returning staff members received a gift certificate to Gutierrez'.

Board members in attendance to help with the presentation were: President Mitch Drees; Vice-President Jeff Parker; Jamie Bradley; John Fouard; Cheryl Higgins; and Marty Kramer.

New staff members recognized were: Phillip Brown, MS/HS Custodian; Erica Cyre, Elementary Title I Para; Erin Hecker, HS Asst. Volleyball Coach; Sarah Hoskins, Elementary Custodian; Seth Lamborn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher; and Tracy Lewis, MS/HS Cook.

Returning staff members recognized were: 5-year – Nathan Burgess, Elementary PE Teacher and After School/Summer School Coordinator; Nikki Davenport, HS Cheerleading/Dance Team Sponsor; Josh Farrell, Boys' Golf Coach; Becky Jones, MS/HS Secretary; and Mindy Schneider, Elementary ESOL/Title Math Para: 10-year – Kathy Randolph, Librarian: 15-year – Shondra Abker, Bus Driver; and Liz Diehl, Bus Driver: 20-year – John Johnson, Industrial Arts Teacher; and Joe Roche, Social Science Teacher, Asst. HS Football Coach and Head Baseball Coach: 32-years – Lori Scuitte, HS Language Arts Teacher and Sponsor of Friends of Rachel and PALS: and 36-years – Mary Ellen Muninger, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher.

The Board of Education welcomed the new staff members and looks forward to the positive contributions they will make, and thanked all of the returning staff for the years of educating our students they have given.



Left to Right – Mitch Drees, Jamie Bradley, Erin Hecker, Marty Kramer, Seth Lamborn, Cheryl Higgins, Becky Jones, Tracy Lewis, Mindy Schneider, Nathan Burgess, John Fouard, Mary Ellen Muninger, Nikki Davenport, Liz Diehl, Shondra Abker



### APPLES AND ORANGES

Apples and oranges are both fruits, but they also have several differences. In the next few months we will be receiving scores for the state assessments taken by students in grades 3-8 and 10 last year. While the past assessments and last year's assessments help us to measure student progress, there are several differences.

The new assessments are different in the following ways:

- Measure new rigorous standards
- Include new technology advanced format
- Include additional performance sections with short answers and essay

The efforts to prepare for these new assessments have been shared by many.

- Our staff shifted to new standards and instructional methods to work with students.
- Students worked hard to meet the new expectations and practice the new format.
- Parent supported the efforts of the teachers and the students.

We expect our students to have done well. However, since the assessments are so different, it is important to keep in mind that the scores will also be different. Scores from the past assessments can't be compared to the scores from last year's assessments. That would be like comparing apples and oranges.

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Return Service Requested

## An Equal Employment/Educational Opportunity Agency

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Oct 1	4:30 MS VB Marion @ ES	Oct 18	3:00 Outdoor Learning Center Work Day
Oct 1	6:00 MS FB Marion @ ES	Oct 19	5:00 JV VB Tri @ ES
Oct 2	NO ESE After School	Oct 19	6:00 HS JV FB @ Bennington
Oct 2	7:00 HS FB Trinity Catholic @ ES	Oct 19	6:30 CPTA Mtg. @ ESE
	Homecoming	Oct 20	5:00 HS VB @ Bennington
Oct 2	Homecoming Dance following the game until 11:30	Oct 20	3:00 MS VB HOA League Tournament @ Inman
Oct 3	9:00 JV VB Tournament @ Lincoln	Oct 23	NO ESE After School
Oct 3	3:30-7:00 CPTA Carnival	Oct 23	7:00 HS FB @ Phillipsburg
Oct 5	6:00 HS JV FB @ Trinity Catholic	Oct 24	ACT Test Date
Oct 6	4:00 HS VB @ Inman	Oct 24	TBA HS CC Regionals
Oct 6	4:00 CC @ Ellsworth	Oct 24	TBA HS VB 2A Sub-State
Oct 7	6:30 KU Honors Banquet @ Salina Country Club	Oct 27	9:00 MS/HS Picture Retakes
Oct 8	ESE Fall Pictures	Oct 28	National FFA Convention @ Louisville
Oct 8	4:30 MS VB @ Inman	Oct 29	NO ESE After School
Oct 8	6:00 MS FB @ Inman	Oct 29	8:30 ESE Halloween Parade & Parties
Oct 9	NO ESE After School	Oct 29	PALS "Monster Mash" (3rd hour)
Oct 9	7:00 HS FB @ Smith Center	Oct 29	6:00-7:00 CPTA ESE Dance
Oct 10	9:00 MS VB B-Tournament @ Minneapolis	Oct 29	7:00 HS FB Republic County @ ES
Oct 12	5:00 HS JV VB @ Sacred Heart	Oct 29	Senior Parent Night
Oct 12	6:00 MS/HS Site Council	Oct 29	National FFA Convention @ Louisville
Oct 12	7:00 BOE Mtg. @ DO	Oct 30	NO SCHOOL
Oct 13	4:00 HS VB Sacred Heart, Beloit @ ES Senior Parent Night	Oct 30	In-Service Day
Oct 15	NO ESE After School	Oct 30	TBA HS VB 2A State @ Emporia
Oct 15	4:30 HOA CC @ Bennington	Oct 30	National FFA Convention @ Louisville
Oct 15	4:30 MS VB Trinity Catholic @ ES 8th Grade Parent Night	Oct 31	TBA HS CC State @ Wamego
Oct 15	6:00 MS FB Trinity Catholic @ ES 8th Grade Parent Night	Oct 31	TBA HS VB 2A State @ Emporia
Oct 15	END OF QUARTER	Oct 31	National FFA Convention @ Louisville
Oct 16	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Work Day	Oct 31	
Oct 16	7:00 HS FB Bennington @ ES		
Oct 16	Little Cheerleaders		
Oct 17	9:00 HS VB HOA League Tournament @ Marion		



# Please Take My Survey

In an effort to improve system practices, Ell-Saline Middle/High School is conducting a Stakeholder Survey (Agency). Parents, students, and staff will receive a separate survey link.

We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey.

In order to complete the survey, please go to:

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/1437038>

Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous.

Your honest opinion is appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Friday, October 16, 215



## AFTER-PROM MEETING

ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS ARE INVITED

WHEN: Wednesday, October 14  
TIME: 6:30  
WHERE: Ell-Saline High School Commons Area  
We will be working on business donation mailings.



The Ell-Saline Spirit Squad would like to thank everyone that participated in our fundraiser:

LOVE, CHLOE FOUNDATION

We raised \$280.00 for this great charity!!!!

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT



# ELL-SALINE BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM 2015 – 2016

## OUR MISSION

**The Ell-Saline Booster Club is defined as an organization of Ell-Saline patrons who support Ell-Saline MS/HS programs by providing resources through fundraising, support through volunteer help, and promote enthusiasm and pride for our school.**

### Booster Club has helped sponsor the following in the past:

4 Student Scholarships  
Landscaping at MS/HS  
Sponsor Student of the Month  
Baseball Batting Cages  
Youth Basketball Tournament  
Hospitality Room for League Events & Tournaments  
Elementary Sport Recognition  
Administrative Assistants Day  
Support for Drama Club  
Co-Sponsor Sports Radio Broadcast

Tent for Concessions  
5 New Picnic Tables  
Support for Local FFA Chapter  
Softball Batting Cages  
Half-time Activities  
Labor Day Fun Run  
Sponsor Teacher of the Month  
Support for Cheerleaders  
Classroom Materials/Supplies  
Spirit Cards  
Advertising Sponsorships

Cardinal Run-Thru  
Flag Sponsors  
Support After-Prom  
Clean-up Day at MS/HS  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
Cardinal Clothing Sales  
Cake Raffles  
5 New Trophy Cases  
Tailgate Dinner  
Golf Tournament  
Concessions Equipment

Financial Support for Youth Teams  
Purchased Cardinal Mascot  
Snacks & Incentives during State Testing  
Concessions Area Repair & Paint  
Organized A Community Cookbook  
Sponsored Homecoming Bon Fire  
Purchased Greenhouse for MS/HS  
Painting of Brookville Water Tower  
1989 State Football Team 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1980 State Basketball Team 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Technology Equipment for Classrooms

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Flag Booster Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 for family membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 for family membership with gift (Circle one) License Plate Window Decal Spirit Card Mug Cookbook Pocket Calendar

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the events you would like to be contacted about to help with:

- Clothing sales – football season
- Clothing sales – basketball season
- Teacher appreciation week
- Treat donations for raffle - basketball season
- Youth basketball tournament
- Food donations for hospitality rooms
- Bon Fire

Thank you for your support for our students, school, and community by becoming a Cardinal Booster Club Member

## GO CARDINALS!