

## March 21 Board Meeting Report

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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

### V. REPORTS

Parents as Teachers (PAT) – Christy Mai reported on her efforts in Topeka in support of PAT and needed funding. For next year there are new financial guidelines for families that will make it harder for them to qualify to participate. Also, the funding has been shifted to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) from the Children’s Initiative Fund (CIF) which reduces the amount of funds.

BOE – Jamie Bradley reported that the Save the Date cards have been mailed out for the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser that will be held on June 4 at the C&W Ranch.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: state assessments have started; March 24 In-Service Day activities; upcoming efforts to involve parents in contacting legislators regarding concerns with proposed legislation; a school climate activity for staff on March 23; and the handling of a student issue on March 11.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: several seniors have received scholarships; the majority of our seniors have completed the Regents recommended curriculum; hosting of a Forensics meet and Sub-state Basketball Tournament games on March 3 and both went smoothly; and the hosting of an external review team from May 4-6 to conclude the school improvement cycle.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: bond refunding update; legislative updates; reviewed the progress on perception surveys that will soon be available for students, parents, staff and patrons as part of the district accreditation process; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

### VII. BUSINESS

- A. MS Wrestling Request—Norm Jennings made a request to begin MS Wrestling next year. No action was taken. This will be brought back at the April meeting for possible action.
- B. Touchdown Club Presentation—Steve Davenport presented information on the Touchdown Club (football booster club) and fundraising efforts that they are planning.
- C. Approve Student Out-of-State Travel Requests – The following requests were approved: Business Professionals of America (BPA) to Boston from May 5 – 9; Senior trip to Houston from May 7 – 11; and Duncan Anglin to compete in the National Forensics Meet in Sacramento from May 26 – 30. Each of these trips is funded by the students, grants, donations and fundraisers.
- D. Principals’ Contracts—Mrs. Sprinkle’s contract was extended through the 2017-2018 school year. This keeps her on a 2-year contract. The amount will be set following the completion of negotiations.
- E. Board Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading—The proposed policy changes were approved as presented.

There were three Executive Sessions (Personnel – 2, Negotiations).

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 11, 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.



**ELL SALINE HIGH SCHOOL CHEER AND  
DANCE TRYOUTS**

**Mandatory CLINIC:**

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>,  
5:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym.**

**TRYOUTS: Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>,  
4:00-7:00 p.m. in the gym.**

Those trying out for cheer will be responsible for making up two individual time out cheers to present to judges. Those trying out for dance will be required to make up an individual 2 minute dance.

Please be working on kicks, jumps, and technique! \*\*\*During the mandatory clinic, you will be learning the group cheers and dance for tryouts.\*\*\*

If you have questions, please contact : Nikki Davenport at 785-223-1164 or by email at [ndavenport@8thjd.com](mailto:ndavenport@8thjd.com)

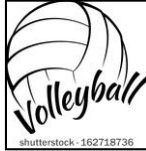


**ELL-SALINE FFA  
GREENHOUSE  
OPENING TO PUBLIC  
APRIL 11, 4PM  
PRIOR PRIVATE OFFERINGS BY  
APPOINTMENT  
VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS**



WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 27, 2016

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before August 31, 2016, please contact Ell-Saline Elementary School for details (785) 827-8891 or e-mail Anita at [anita.bird@ellsaline.org](mailto:anita.bird@ellsaline.org). You can also go online to [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org) for information and to print off the Kindergarten Round Up Form.



# NEWS

The High School Varsity Volleyball team received the Kansas Volleyball Association team Academic Award for th 2015-2016 school year.

Members include: **Seniors:** Rosanna Arias, Ashlyn Bird, Callie Cameron, Morgan Kindlesparger, Yadira Nunez, Catelyn Richards, Katelynn Winter  
**Juniors:** Baleigh Griffin, Milah Linenberger, Sydney Omli, Brooklyn Plott, Miranda Work

The following High School Varsity players are recognized as a member of the 2015 Kansas Volleyball Association's First Team "All-Academic Team": Baleigh Griffin, Morgan Kindlesparger, Brooklyn Plott, Sydney Omli, Catelyn Richards, Katelynn Winter

2015 Kansas Volleyball Association's Honorable Mention "All-Academic Team":  
Ashlyn Bird

Congratulations Cardinals



## March Students of the Month



March MS Student of the Month:  
Eli Hopkins



Eli Hopkins is the son of Jeremy and Angela Hopkins, and the brother of Noah Hopkins. In school, Eli is involved in Football, Basketball, and Track. In his spare time, he enjoys shooting and playing with his dog. After high school, Eli plans to attend Kansas State. Great job Eli!

March HS Student of the Month:  
Kennedy Mick



Kennedy Mick is the daughter of John and Kimberley Mick, and the sister of Madison Mick. In school Kennedy participates in volleyball, basketball, and softball. Outside of school she enjoys working on the farm and riding horses. After high school, Kennedy plans to attend Brown Mackie to become a vet tech. Way to go, Kennedy!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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|---------|---|---------|---|
| Apr. 1  | HS Band @ Breckenridge, CO              | Apr. 17 | 3:00 Outdoor Learning Center Work Day         |
| Apr. 1  | NO ESE After School                     | Apr. 18 | FFA @ Clay Center                             |
| Apr. 1  | April Fools Day                         | Apr. 18 | 4:00 JV BSB Bennington @ ES                   |
| Apr. 2  | HS Band @ Breckenridge, CO              | Apr. 18 | 6:00 ESIC Meeting                             |
| Apr. 2  | State Science Olympiad @ Wichita        | Apr. 18 | 6:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESE                       |
| Apr. 3  | HS Band @ Breckenridge, CO              | Apr. 19 | 9:00 HS Golf @ Abilene                        |
| Apr. 4  | NO ESE After School                     | Apr. 19 | HS Track Invitational @ Russell               |
| Apr. 4  | 8:00 HOA Forensics @ Sedgwick           | Apr. 19 | 4:30 HS SB/BSB @ Moundridge                   |
| Apr. 4  | MS HOA League Quiz Bowl @ Marion        | Apr. 20 | 9:00 Art @ FHSU                               |
| Apr. 4  | 7:00 K Vocal Program @ ESE              | Apr. 20 | 6:30 FFA Banquet                              |
| Apr. 5  | 3:00 HS SB/BSB @ Bennington             | Apr. 20 | Administrative Professionals Day              |
| Apr. 6  | 9:00 HS Art Festival @ Bennington       | Apr. 21 | 4:00 MS Track @ Moundridge                    |
| Apr. 6  | FFA @ Beloit                            | Apr. 22 | NO ESE After School                           |
| Apr. 7  | 4:00 MS Track Quad @ ES                 | Apr. 22 | 3:00 HS Track Invitational @ Lincoln          |
| Apr. 7  | 4:30 HS SB @ Republic County            | Apr. 22 | 3:00 HS SB/BSB Remington @ ES                 |
| Apr. 7  | 9:00 MS/HS Spring Sports Pictures       | Apr. 22 | Earth Day                                     |
| Apr. 8  | NO ESE After School                     | Apr. 23 | KSHSAA State Solo/Small Ensemble @ KWU        |
| Apr. 8  | 1:00 6th Grade Band Contest @ ESE       | Apr. 25 | NO ESE After School                           |
| Apr. 8  | 3:00 HS SB/BSB Sedgwick @ ES            | Apr. 25 | 3:00 JV Track Invitational @ Tescott          |
| Apr. 8  | 3:00 HS Track Invitational @ Bennington | Apr. 25 | 7:00 3-4 Vocal Program @ ESE                  |
| Apr. 9  | KSHSAA Regional Solo                    | Apr. 26 | 1:00 HS Golf @ Bennington                     |
| Apr. 9  | ACT Test Date                           | Apr. 26 | 3:00 HS SB/BSB Canton/Galva @ ES              |
| Apr. 11 | 6:00 MS/HS Site Council                 | Apr. 27 | 7:00 5-12 Band Awards                         |
| Apr. 11 | BOE Meeting @ DO                        | Apr. 27 | Kindergarten Round-up NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES |
| Apr. 12 | 3:00 HS Golf @ Minneapolis              | Apr. 28 | 10:00 HS Golf @ Russell                       |
| Apr. 12 | HS Track Invitational @ Ellsworth       | Apr. 28 | 4:00 MS Track @ Inman                         |
| Apr. 12 | HS SB @ Trinity Catholic                | Apr. 29 | NO ESE After School                           |
| Apr. 13 | KSHSAA State Large Group @ Beloit       | Apr. 29 | Tech Ed Fair @ FHSU                           |
| Apr. 14 | 4:00 MS Track @ Solomon                 | Apr. 29 | 10:00 HS Track @ Beloit                       |
| Apr. 14 | 4:30 HS SB Sacred Heart @ ES            | Apr. 29 | 3:00 HS BSB Little River @ ES                 |
| Apr. 15 | NO ESE After School                     | Apr. 29 | 4:30 HS SB Trinity Catholic @ ES              |
| Apr. 15 | 1:00 HS Golf @ Sacred Heart             | Apr. 30 | 9:00 Booster Club Track @ ES                  |
| Apr. 15 | 4:30 HS SB/BSB @ Marion                 | Apr. 30 | State Speech & Drama Championships            |
| Apr. 16 | Junior/Senior Prom                      |         |   |
| Apr. 16 | Regional Speech and Drama               |         |   |

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

As I sit here with just a few days of March left, it appears that it is going to go out like a lamb rather than a lion! The wheat fields are looking really good, a few lawn mowers have been heard, trees are leafing out, and everyday more flowers are bringing color to the world. Spring is definitely upon us. Something we could use, though, is much needed moisture to keep things going!

Spring time in school district offices is normally one of the most anxious times of the school year because of the uncertainty of what legislation will be passed that will impact them. This year has been no different in the number of proposed bills that would have had an anti-public education result if passed. Fortunately, only a very few of them either made it out of committee or were approved by both chambers. The probability of anything that hasn't yet been approved to move forward is unlikely because the legislature adjourned on Friday, March 25, until it reconvenes on April 27 for the veto session. However, it's important to remember that just because no action has yet been taken on a bill, if it has been sent to an exempt committee it is still alive not just for this year but for the years ahead as well. Below is a short list of the major education bills that were passed and now await the Governor's signature.

- S Sub for HB 2655-School Finance: This bill is the legislature's attempt to satisfy the Supreme Court's ruling on the equity issue. It is a compromise of an earlier Senate and House bill and is the funding formula for next school year which basically provides all districts with the same total dollars as this year's budget. Even if the Governor signs it, it will still have to be approved by the Supreme Court or the legislature will need to go back to work and develop a new formula.
- SB 168 KPERS-Working After Retirement: This bill will allow school employees that have already retired and have gone back to work to continue working until the year 2020 without having any earnings limit. This will have a positive impact on three of our employees.
- SB 367 -Juvenile Justice: This bill requires school administrators and School Resource Officers to be trained (unfunded mandate) in responding effectively to misconduct in school while minimizing student exposure to the juvenile justice system.
- SB 469 – Professional Negotiations: This bill requires that in every third year the teachers vote to determine who will be the bargaining unit that represents them in negotiations.
- Sub for SB 323 – Suicide Prevention: This bill requires staff to receive suicide prevention training (unfunded mandate) annually.

Below is a list of bills or issues that were either defeated, never made it out of committee or never became a bill but yet created a great deal of anxiety for school districts. It is still important to remember that when the legislature returns on April 27, or even in next year's session, these could all come back up-and some of them are very likely to.

- Sub for Sub for HB 2292-Common Core: This bill would have prohibited the teaching of any material that was related to the Common Core standards.
- HB 2729 -School Procurement: This bill would have required districts to purchase certain types of goods or service through the state Office of Administration rather than using their local or current vendors.
- District Realignment/Consolidation: This would have required all schools districts in counties that have less than 10,000 students to consolidate into one district. This would have meant that USD 307 Ell-Saline would no longer have existed but rather would have been part of USD 305 Salina.
- Ending Balances: This would have allowed the state to use as partial state aid, the carryover balances that school districts maintain for these times when state funding has been flat or decreasing, for making payroll or other expenditures when the state is late in making its monthly state aid payments to schools, for making planned purchases, etc. In other words it would be like you having to spend your savings accounts so that you had nothing left for emergencies.
- Insurance Pooling: This would have required the state to develop health insurance and property insurance pools which every school district would have had to participate in.
- Private School Tax Credits: This would have allowed individual taxpayers as well as corporations to receive tax credits toward scholarships for students to attend private schools. This would have greatly reduced the amount of revenue coming in to the state at a time when the state is already struggling financially.

- **Sex Education:** This would have required that parents “opt in” their children to receive sex education rather than the current “opt out” of receiving it.

For your convenience, contact information for our area legislators is again listed. If you would like more specific information on how any of the above mentioned bills might impact us, please let me know and I'll get it to you. For the future of our district, it continues to be important for our voices to be heard.

Spring time in school buildings is one of the most rewarding times of the school year. This year is already proving to be no different. This is the time of year when the culmination of one year's, or several years', worth of effort and accomplishment is recognized. In many activities our students have continued to represent themselves and our school in a very positive manner. Our middle school recently competed in the Heart of America League music festival where the hard work of the 16 entries was rewarded by earning 13 ratings of I and 3 ratings of II! The MS Quiz Bowl teams have competed well in the contests that they have participated in. Fourteen of our Business Professionals of America students qualified for the national competition to be held in early May in Boston. The Forensics students continue to compete well in their tournaments and Duncan Anglin has qualified for the National Competition to be held in late May in Sacramento. We have large numbers of students participating in our spring sports of both middle school and high school track as well as high school softball, baseball and golf. As the seniors look forward to next year and pursuing their goals, various scholarships have been announced, with more to come that will help them in their endeavors. We ended our 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-weeks grading period just before Spring Break and looking at the Honor Roll it appears that even with all of the activities that the students have been involved in, they continue to do a GREAT job in the classroom!

Spring time in school districts is also normally a stressful time as that is when our students take the Kansas State Assessment tests that give us information on progress they have made over the year and helps us make decisions for the future. Both buildings have begun administering them and I'm happy to report that so far this year there have been very few technology glitches and the testing has gone smoothly! When we receive the scores they will provide feedback on our continued implementation of the new standards. Our staff continues to use quality teaching techniques and covering of content. We ask that you continue to encourage your children to do their best, get adequate sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast during these testing days.

This year the Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) has requested that each district help with the scoring of the Multidisciplinary Performance Tasks (MDPTs) on the English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the state assessments. During the morning of our March 25 In-Service Day, our entire staff participated in this by scoring those assessments of students from other districts across the state. Part of the time was spent in training for the scoring and in reviewing examples of scoring that had been done by outside experts. It was very educational for our staff to see not only what is expected by the experts but also how our students' writing compares to that of students in other districts. The consensus of the staff that I worked with and visited with later is that our students seem to match up very well.

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. Please call or stop in so we can visit about the many good things going on in your district.

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**Ell-Saline 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Track Meet**  
**Saturday, April 30, 2016 9:00AM – 3:00PM**  
**Ell-Saline High School in Brookville**

*Registration begins at 8:00 and all field event participants must be checked in by 9:00 to participate. Field events will begin at 9:30. Runners must check in by 10:30, if not participating in field events.*

Only 1 child per form. Find registration forms at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org), or feel free to duplicate form for other interested athletes.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE CIRCLE) BOY OR GIRL

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSE ANY 3 EVENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGE GROUP**

4 Years Old – Preschool

SOFTBALL THROW    STANDING LONG JUMP    25 METER DASH    50 METER DASH

**CHOOSE ANY 3 EVENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGE GROUP**

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

SOFTBALL THROW    STANDING LONG JUMP    50 METER DASH    100 METER DASH    MILE

**CHOOSE ANY 3 EVENTS IN THIS AGE GROUP (TOTAL OF 4 WITH 4x100)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**FIELD EVENTS:**

LONG JUMP  
 SHOT- PUT (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ONLY)  
 DISCUS ( 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ONLY)  
 SOFTBALL THROW (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE)  
 JAVELIN THROW (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ONLY)

**TRACK EVENTS:**

100 METER DASH    800 METER DASH  
 200 METER DASH    MILE  
 400 METER DASH    4X100 METER RELAY

***\*ALL AGE GROUPS: PLEASE FILL IN YOUR EVENTS ON THE LINES\****

EVENT 1: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENT 2: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENT 3: \_\_\_\_\_

*Relay Members: List your relay members and their grade. Relay can use different grades, but will run with oldest grade on team. Girls can run with boys teams. Team must wear same color shirt.*

Runner Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_ Runner Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

Runner Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_ Runner Name. \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

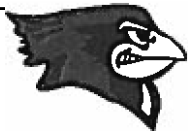
**\$12.00 Entry Fee (\$18.00 after April 23<sup>rd</sup> and there will be no refunds). Mail registration form and checks payable to: ES Booster Club, 4601 N. Muir Rd., Salina KS 67401 OR you can e-mail at [booster@ellsaline.org](mailto:booster@ellsaline.org).**

*Medals will be given to the first 3 places and ribbons for all other places in each event.*

**A full concessions area is available all day.**

I give permission for the above child to participate in the youth track meet at Ell-Saline High school on April 30, 2016. I will not hold the Ell-Saline Booster Club, USD 307, City of Brookville, or any meet helper responsible for any accidents at this meet.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Ell-Saline Middle/High School Booster Club

## Membership Levels

**Red Membership**-72" x 46" Red vinyl sign



First Year-\$250

Renewal-\$125

**Black Membership**-60" X 36,. Black vinylsign



First Year- \$175

Renewal- \$85

**White Membership** -48" x 24" White vinylsign



First Year- \$100

Renewal-\$50

**Family Membership**-\$25

**Individual Membership** -\$15

Red, Black, and White vinyl signs will be displayed at sports venues throughout the year and names of all members will be listed in home football game programs. All members will also receive a special ES Booster Club vinyl window cling.

Return your form by August 26th to guarantee your sign appears at the first home football game!

Name=-----

Address=-----

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

Membership Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for **Program**:-----

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 volunteering, and promoting enthusiasm and pride for our school. Thank you for your support! GO CARDINALS!