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K—12

FEBRUARY 1, 2018

**ELL-SALINE WILL BE HOSTING
2-A REGIONAL SCHOLARS' BOWL**

December 11 Board Meeting Report

Jeff Parker and Mitch Drees were the only board members absent. All action was approved on a 5-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

V. REPORTS

BOE – Jamie Bradley reported the Cardinal Foundation will be serving in a pass through capacity for donations made in support of starting a full-time preschool program in the district.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: continued planning to start a full-time preschool program next fall; Tescott Elementary staff members observing Family Groups; the Hanging of the Greens activities; service project with the Emergency Food Bank; the three student teachers ending their time with us before the end of the semester; and various Cardinal Culture activities.

Mr. Wilson – His report included: the many student activities taking place; and wished the board a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: the closing of Halsted Road north of State Street from mid-December through early June; presented Jamie with a plaque and thanked him for his 12 years of service on the board; and a list of dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

VI. BUSINESS

- A. Accept Resignations—Terry King's resignation as the Asst. HS Wrestling coach effective now and Jerry Minneman's retirement at the end of this school year see letter on page 3 were both accepted.
- B. Approve Supplemental Recommendation—Norm Jennings was approved as the Asst. HS Wrestling coach.
- C. Board Policy – 1st Reading—Since this was the first reading, no action was taken and they will be brought back to the January meeting for possible action.
- D. Board Goals—The board's Priority Statements (goals) were approved as amended.
- E. Select Board's Negotiations Team—Marty Kramer and Michelle Cooper will serve in that role this year.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 8, 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 Cheryl Higgins, Vice-President John Fouard or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

Booster Club Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

In attendance: Jacque Backhus, Jamie & Darcy Bradley, Laurie Came, Stacy Came, Chris Carazo, Troy & Darci Ditto, Jason Fuller, Heather Hardesty, Angela Hopkins, Mendee Kramer, Kim Parks, Dianne Schulz, and Jeff Vogt

- Account Balances – Booster checking balance- \$22369.72, MS Summer Basketball balance- \$1408.05, Baseball balance- \$300.78
- Membership Update – Have two new individual members and one new family membership.
- Jeff Vogt reported that an outside donor paid for the girls basketball team's Hudl subscription. He asked the money he was granted in September be used for a new IPAD for the athletic department. Kim Parks moved that we allow this, Jamie Bradley seconded.
- Booster Club was offered to advertise again in the Amos-Morris Basketball Tournament and the CPL-HOA Basketball Challenge's programs that will be handed out at the tournaments. Troy Ditto moved we again advertise in these programs. Mendee Kramer seconded.
- The Booster Club will pay for a new sink in the concession stand. Laurie Came moved we pay \$600 toward new sink. Jamie Bradley seconded.
- Bleacher safety was again discussed. We are currently waiting to hear if we received a grant to purchase safer bleachers. There was also the suggestion to use textured paint to make aisles and also add handrails. Chris Carazo is researching this and will report at next meeting.
- Chris Carazo reported the new wall mats will be delivered and ready for installation very soon.
- Chris Carazo is continuing to work with PowerAd gathering information on possible new score tables in gym.
- Youth Basketball Tournament is rapidly approaching-Jan 13 & 14. Volunteers are needed for books, clocks, and concession stand. Both students and parents are encouraged to help!
- February 1st, Ell-Saline will host a HS Scholar's Bowl. We will need volunteers to donate food and drinks. We will also need volunteers to help set up/clean up hospitality room.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 2018 7:00 pm in Commons Area.
After Prom Meeting directly following Booster Club Meeting.



December Students of the Month

*Colton
Bunting*



Colton Bunting is the son of Nathan and Sharon Bunting, and the brother of Logan, Brittany, and Ben Bunting. In school, Colton is involved in FFA and baseball. In the community, he is a member of New Community Church and tutors other students. Outside of school, he enjoys playing baseball and hunting. After high school, Colton plans to attend college but is undecided on a major. Way to go, Colton!

*Sadie
Bradley*



Sadie Bradley is the daughter of Jamie and Darcy Bradley, and the sister of Noah, Avery, and Owen Bradley. In school, Sadie is involved in Scholars Bowl, Science Olympiad, volleyball, basketball, track, cheer, and band. In the community, she volunteers at her church. In her spare time, Sadie enjoys playing sports, babysitting, and hanging out with friends. After high school, she plans to attend K-State. Great job Sadie!



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Well, the calendar says it's December and that Christmas is only one week away but you sure couldn't tell it judging by the weather. With the temperatures in the 50s and no sign of snow or other precipitation, it just doesn't have the right feel for the time of year. To remind me of the season, though, all I have to do is walk through the halls at the elementary school and see all of the students' artwork. However, for those who maybe aren't finished with their Christmas shopping or hanging outside decorations, the weather does at least make finishing those tasks easier. I hope you will be able to get out and enjoy some of the remaining Christmas concerts and programs that are taking place in the area.

Later this week we will be starting our Winter Vacation—a time to enjoy family and friends, to look back on all the memories (good and bad) of the current year, and to look forward with anticipation to the excitement and promise that a new year brings. As a district, we enjoyed many successes and experienced a few disappointments. Through it all, we have continued to work to improve and not be satisfied with where we are.

Our students also have had success in the activities arena since last month's ECHO.

- ✓ The 5th and 6th Grade classes performed in their vocal/instrumental concert.
- ✓ The Middle/High School vocal and instrumental students showcased their talents.
- ✓ Six of our top high school band students performed in the Kansas Music Educators Association Honors Ensembles Band.
- ✓ Our wrestling program has begun its season with considerable individual and team success at the various meets in which they have participated.
- ✓ The high school basketball teams have already played several games and are showing improvement.
- ✓ The 5th Grade held their Living Museum presentations about early explorers that discovered new lands in the Americas.
- ✓ The FFA, FCCLA and other groups have been active in community service projects.

It is apparent that these groups of students have been working hard at improving their skills, are gaining a great deal of self-confidence and are showing compassion for others by giving back to their community. These are just a small sampling of the many great things our students and staff are doing in the areas of social emotional growth and character education.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the Ell-Saline USD 307 school district. You can be assured that we will do all that we can with the resources that we have available to continue to provide a quality education for our students. As always, please feel free to stop in or to contact me at jminneman@ellsaline.org or 785-225-6813 if you have any questions. I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



December 11, 2017

USD 307 Board of Education

For the past 13 years, I have had the privilege to serve as the superintendent of the Ell-Saline School District. During those years, I've been blessed to work with a forward-thinking and supportive Board of Education, a District Office staff that keeps the district running smoothly, and have been surrounded by knowledgeable, student-centered administrative team members, and dedicated teachers and staff members that always have the best interest of students as their main focus. My experience here with the Cardinal Family has been one that I could never have anticipated. Those are only a few of the reasons that I have difficulty writing this letter.

However, after a considerable amount of thought and prayer I have decided it is time to close out my 45-year career in education and retire at the end of this school year. It is my hope and belief that the timing of my retirement will allow the district enough time to select the best possible candidate to lead the district into the future. I will help in any way that I can to make the transition to a new superintendent go smoothly.

There are so many things for everybody to be proud of that are happening in this district. Through the boards careful budgeting during the years of decreased state aid, the district was able to weather it and now with the projected increase in state aid continues to be on solid financial footing. With the support of district patrons, we were able to provide much needed space and upgrades to our facilities. Through the efforts of the principals and counselors there has been an increased emphasis on students' social/emotional needs at all grade levels. The staff, along with the building site-councils, has done a considerable amount of work on the new accreditation system. Our students ACT scores continue to be very high. All-day kindergarten has been implemented and plans are being made to start a full-time preschool program next fall. CareerCruising and Individual Plans of Study have been instituted at the MS/HS. The use of technology has increased all the way from paperless board meetings, to a 1-to-1 chromebook initiative at the MS/HS, to a 1-to-1 iPad availability at the elementary school, to the use of SchoolMessenger/Tweets/Facebook posts for communicating with parents and patrons. These are but a small sampling of the ways that we are preparing each of our students to be a successful high school graduate.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to lead the Cardinal Family. It is my hope that during my years here, I have had a positive impact on our students and staff and I will forever cherish the relationships that have been formed.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry L. Minneman".

Jerry L. Minneman
Superintendent

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Jan. 1 | Winter Break | Happy New Year | Jan. 19 | NO ESE After School |
| Jan. 2 | Winter Break | | Jan. 19-21 | K-State Band Clinic @ Manhattan |
| Jan. 3 | Winter Break | In-Service Day | Jan. 19 | TBA HS Boys' BB Tournament @ Canton Galva |
| Jan. 4 | Classes Resume | | Jan. 20 | 9:00 MS "B" BB Tournament @ ES |
| Jan. 4 | 4:00 MS BB @ Bennington | | Jan. 20 | HS WR @ Council Grove |
| Jan. 5 | NO ESE After School | | Jan. 20 | TBA 9th BB Tournament @ Smoky Valley |
| Jan. 5 | 4:30 HS BB Marion @ ES | | Jan. 22 | 5:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESE |
| | Spring Sports State Recognition | | Jan. 22 | TBA HS Girls' BB Tournament @ BCCC |
| Jan. 6 | HS KMEA State Auditions | | Jan. 22 | TBA 9th BB Tournament @ Smoky Valley |
| Jan. 6 | 9:00 WR @ Ellsworth | | Jan. 23 | 4:30 HS Boys' BB @ Minneapolis |
| Jan. 8 | 7:00 BOE Meeting @ DO | | Jan. 23 | TBA HS Girls' BB Tournament @ BCCC |
| Jan. 9 | Preschool Day Camp | | Jan. 25 | 4:00 MS BB Remington @ ES/Parent Night |
| Jan. 9 | 4:30 HS BB @ Moundridge | | Jan. 25 | MS/HS WR @ St. John's Military |
| Jan. 11 | 4:00 MS BB @ Sedgwick | | Jan. 25 | TBA HS Girls' BB Tournament @ BCCC |
| Jan. 12 | NO ESE After School | | Jan. 26 | NO ESE After School |
| Jan. 12 | 4:30 HS BB @ Berean Academy | | Jan. 26 | TBA HS Girls' BB Tournament @ BCCC |
| Jan. 13 | MS KMEA Band/Choir | | Jan. 27 | 9:00 HS JV WR @ Marion |
| Jan. 13 | Booster Club ESE BB Tournament | | Jan. 27 | 9:00 HS JV BB Tournament @ ES |
| Jan. 14 | Booster Club ESE BB Tournament | | Jan. 29 | 3:00 MS BB @ Trinity Catholic |
| Jan. 15 | NO SCHOOL/Teacher In-Service | | Jan. 30 | 4:30 HS BB Bennington @ ES |
| Jan. 15 | TBA HS Boys' BB Tournament @ Canton Galva | | Feb. 1 | 1:00 Dismissal K-12 |
| Jan. 16 | 4:30 HS Girls' BB @ Minneapolis | | Feb. 1 | 3:00 Regional Scholars' Bowl @ ES |
| Jan. 16 | TBA HS Boys' BB Tournament @ Canton Galva | | Feb. 1 | TBA MS BB HOA League Tournament |
| Jan. 17 | 1:00 HS HOA Scholars' Bowl @ Moundridge | | Feb. 2 | NO ESE After School |
| Jan. 18 | 3:30 HS V Scholars' Bowl @ Sacred Heart | | Feb. 2 | 4:30 HS BB Sedgwick @ ES |
| Jan. 18 | 4:00 HS JV Scholars' Bowl @ Salina South | | | Sweetheart Night and Dance |
| Jan. 18 | 4:00 MS BB Sterling @ ES | | | |
| Jan. 18 | TBA HS Boys' BB Tournament @ Canton Galva | | | |