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**Central Valley Ag program 'Propane Impact 4 Kids' a success for USD 307**

(York, NE) – Central Valley Ag (CVA) "Propane Impact 4 Kids" program is a success for USD 307 with a \$3,639.70 donation to the school district, which was presented during the half-time of the Ell-Saline Boys Varsity Basketball game January 30.

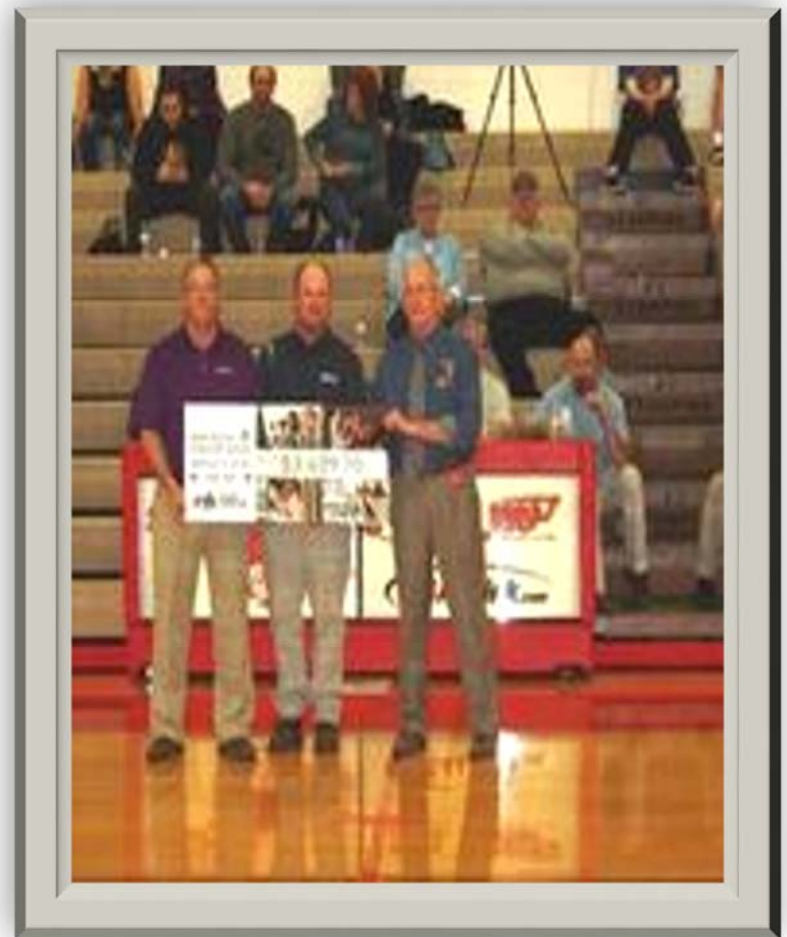
"The funds from this donation will go towards our at-risk and preschool development programs," said Jerry Minneman, USD 307 Superintendent. "We are very thankful of CVA and its customers for supporting our school district in this manner."

CVA donated five cents to USD 307 for every propane winter contract gallon sold between May 1 to October 31, 2017, or eligible propane gallon delivered to a CVA customer tank within USD 307's district.

What began as a program launched by Farmway Co-op, Inc. in partnership with USD 307, the cooperative since merged in September 2017 with CVA who remained committed to the program.

"We began this program because we wanted to build our customers' respect as we create programs like this to support our youth," said Lee Parker, CVA VP of Energy. "Central Valley Ag is not only invested in the success of our cooperative, but also in the communities where our customers cultivate a living."

To learn how you can participate in the 2018-2019 CVA "Propane Impact 4 Kids" program contact the USD 307 District Office.



Pictured (from l to r): Nathan Miles, CVA propane delivery driver, Karl Serrien, CVA energy lead, Jerry Minneman USD 307 superintendent, and Lee Parker, CVA vp of energy.

Central Valley Ag energy team members Karl Serrien and Nathan Miles present USD 307 Superintendent Jerry Minneman a \$3,629.70 donation for its partnership with the CVA Propane Impacts 4 Kids program.

## February 12 Board Meeting Report

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

### 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

#### V. REPORTS

BOE – Michelle Cooper reported that Marty Kramer, she and Superintendent Minneman received the yearly required negotiations training on February 7.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: schedule of state assessments; progress being made on preschool programming for next year; staff professional development activities; KESA process update; and community service projects that are being headed by Cary Wilson..

Mr. Wilson – His report included: preparation for state assessments; winter sports coming to an end; Parent/Teacher Conference format; and staff/student illness.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: many bills being introduced in the legislature; presented Mitch Drees with a certificate of appreciation for his service on the board of education; read one thank you note; and a list of dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

#### VI. BUSINESS

- A. Accept Gifts—The following gifts were accepted: \$5,000 from the Greater Salina Community Foundation to help with implementing a preschool program next fall; and the Leland Johnson Baseball Field complex from the Johnson family.
- B. Accept Resignation—Megan Harding’s resignation as a Kindergarten teacher effective at the end of this contract year was accepted.
- C. Approval of Supplemental Positions—The following supplemental positions were approved: Stacey Scritchfield as an Asst. HS Track Coach; and J. P. Schneider as an Asst. Baseball Coach.
- D. Approve Fall Sport Supplemental Positions—All fall sport coaches were approved for the same position next year with the exception of the Asst. HS Volleyball Coach position as we hope that Mr. Wilson won’t have to serve in that role next year.
- E. Approve District KESA Goal Areas—The following were approved as the District Goal Areas: Relationships—Staff; and Responsive Culture—District Climate.
- F. Board Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading—Since this was the first reading no action could be taken and it will be brought back at the March meeting for possible action.
- G. Superintendent Search—It was the consensus of the board that a meal would be offered to each of the candidates being interviewed and that Superintendent Minneman would give the tour of the buildings and district.

There were two Executive Sessions (both on Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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

#### PRESCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION GIFT



At its meeting on February 12, the Board of Education accepted a \$5,000.00 gift from the Greater Salina Community Foundation to help support our implementation of a 4-year old preschool program next fall. Pictured are Superintendent Jerry Minneman, Jessica Martin of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, and Elementary Principal Dana Sprinkle.

#### CONGRATULATIONS NICK!



Congratulations to junior Nick Davenport on his 3rd place finish in the 195# weight class at the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Championship. Nick finished the season with a record of 30 wins and 1 loss with his only loss coming in the Championship Semifinal match. Nick has qualified for state each year in high school and we look forward to seeing him there again next year.

Congratulations Nick on a great season!

**STATE BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA (BPA)  
COMPETITION SUCCESS**

In what is becoming quite a tradition, our students placed very high in the State BPA Competition this year. Of the 16 students that competed in the State BPA Competition, 11 of them placed in 11 events. Also, of the 11 state finishers 7 of them qualified for the National BPA Competition in Dallas in May. Congratulations to everyone and best of luck at the National BPA Competition.



Front Row Left to Right: Sydney Hynes, Megan Krebaum, Julianna Krebaum, Back Row Left to Right: Cole Schneider, Spencer Came, Lyndsi Weems, Kaden Griffin, Avery Bradley, Caden White, Connor Anglin, Colton White



Left to Right: Sydney Hynes, Spencer Came, Julianna Krebaum, Lyndsi Weems, Avery Bradley, Colton White, Connor Anglin

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**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK**

Is this really February? Yes, the recent cold temperatures have reminded us that it is. It's too bad that some much needed snow didn't come with it. As the optimistic me keeps telling myself, each day we don't receive moisture is still one day closer to getting it.

Activity within our State Capital has been relatively slow this year as compared to previous years. The big issue that school administrators are anxious to see action on has been very quiet. That issue is the legislature coming up with the funding solution that will satisfy the Supreme Courts ruling that K-12 funding has not been adequate. As I said last month, the atmosphere in Topeka again this year does give me continued reason for hope about the future of the State and the future of K-12 public education in rural areas. With that being said, though, it will take considerable work and some sacrifice on everybody's part for the State to satisfy this ruling. With so many challenges ahead of them again this year it is extremely important that we communicate with them and support them in their efforts. If you are concerned about the future of our schools, public education in general, or any of the other quality of life programs that are funded by the State of Kansas, I encourage you to contact your legislators and express your concern to them. Contact information for our local legislators is provided below.

Despite the uncertainty of everything that is going on in Topeka, our staff is doing a great job of maintaining their focus of doing what is best for kids. Within a few short weeks, our students will begin taking the state assessments. This year various grade levels will be tested in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, History/Government/Social Studies and English Language Proficiency. The assessments continue to be based on the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards and will be in basically the same format as last year although they are considerably shorter again this year. The scores from these assessments will provide feedback on how we are doing in preparing our students in their progress of being college and career ready. Our staff continues to use quality teaching techniques and covering of content. We ask that you encourage your children to do their best, get adequate sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast during these testing days.

We appreciate all the parents that took the time to come and visit with us during the Parent-Teacher Conferences. That communication and support is very important in your child's education.

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 and we can get to know each other.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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|---------|---|------------|-------------------------------|
| Mar. 1  | HS Girls' BB Sub State Tournament @ Republic County | Mar. 15    | End of Quarter                |
| Mar. 2  | NO ESE After School                                 | Mar. 15    | No ESE After School           |
| Mar. 2  | HS Boys' BB Sub State Tournament @ Republic County  | Mar. 15    | 7:00 K Vocal Program @ ESE    |
| Mar. 2  | Bowling State Tournament @ Wichita                  | Mar. 16    | NO SCHOOL—Teacher Work Day    |
| Mar. 3  | HS BB Sub State Finals                              | Mar. 17    | 9:00 JV SB @ Trinity Catholic |
| Mar. 5  | 6:30 FFA Banquet at ESH                             | Mar. 19-23 | SPRING BREAK                  |
| Mar. 6  | MS HOA League Music Contest @ Sedgwick              | Mar. 26    | 5:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESE       |
| Mar. 7  | HS Girls' BB State Tournament @ KSU                 | Mar. 27    | MS Quiz Bowl                  |
| Mar. 8  | HS Boys' BB State Tournament @ KSU                  | Mar. 29    | NO ESE After School           |
| Mar. 9  | NO ESE After School                                 | Mar. 29    | 2:00 MS Track @ Tescott       |
| Mar. 9  | HS BB State Tournament Semi-Finals @ KSU            | Mar. 29    | 4:00 HS SB/BSB @ Moundridge   |
| Mar.10  | HS BB State Tournament Finals@ KSU                  | Mar. 30    | NO SCHOOL—Easter Break        |
| Mar. 11 | Remember to spring forward one hour                 | Apr. 1     | HAPPY EASTER                  |
| Mar. 12 | 7:00 BOE Meeting @ DO                               | Apr. 2     | NO SCHOOL—Easter Break        |
| Mar. 13 | Preschool Day Camp                                  |            |                               |
| Mar. 13 | 6:00 MS/HS Spring Sports Parent Meeting             |            |                               |