

## SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY OFFICIAL ELECTIONS

This seems like an odd time of year to be voting for school board and city officials. Prior to this year these elections were held in the spring but in 2015 the Kansas Legislature moved them from the spring of odd-numbered years to the fall of odd-numbered years. Their rationale was that it would increase voter turnout if it was during the same time of the year as general elections are held. Only time will tell if that proves to be the case.

Along with the change in the election date is the change in the date for which newly elected officials will take office. Rather than on July 1 which is the start of the fiscal year and the date on which new board members used to take office, they will now take office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of January which is halfway through the fiscal year.

This year there are four board positions up for election. Those positions and who they are currently held by are: Position 4, Mitch Drees; Position 5, Michelle Cooper; Position 6, Jamie Bradley; and the At-Large Position, Marty Kramer. All four of the incumbents have filed although Marty has filed for Position 4 and Mitch has filed for the At-Large position. Shane Schneider has also filed for Position 6.

The election date is Tuesday, November 7, and I encourage you to vote then if you haven't already voted by advanced voting.

### October MS Student of the Month:

**LACIE KOHMAN**



Lacie Kohman is the daughter of Denise Bolen and Michael Kohman, and the sister of Baylee Kohman and Chelsie Andrews. In school, Lacie is involved in volleyball and basketball and is the costume designer for the school play. In her spare time, she enjoys playing softball, drawing, and watching old movies. After high school, Lacie plans to attend college in Seattle, Washington and study to become an anesthesiologist. Great job Lacie!

### October HS Student of the Month:

**NICK DAVENPORT**



Nick Davenport is a junior, the son of Nikki Davenport and Steve Davenport, and the brother of Morgan Davenport. In school, Nick is involved in BBBS, BPA, NHS, PALS, football, wrestling, track, and is the FFA secretary. In the community, he is a 4-H member, helps in the petting zoo at the local fair, and participates in Farm Bureau day. Outside of school, he enjoys fishing, hunting, and hanging out with his friends. After high school, Nick hopes to play a collegiate sport and plans to study engineering.

## October 9 Board Meeting Report

Marty Kramer 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 on the successful Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser that was held on September 16 at which more than \$12,000.00 was raised that will help fund grants for additional classroom resources.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: Parent involvement opportunities at the CPTA Fall Event and the Leadership Team’s Family Fun Night; there are now 23 students in the Preschool Day Camp; and Cardinal Culture Assemblies are being held monthly.

Mr. Wilson – His report included: homecoming week activities; MS sports seasons winding down; FFA activities; upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences; the Fellowship of Christian Athletes “See You at the Pole” activity; and safety of players on both ours and Sterling’s teams was the rationale for not agreeing to finish the football game on Saturday evening..

Mr. Minneman – His report included: Supreme Court ruling; read one thank you note; and a list of dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

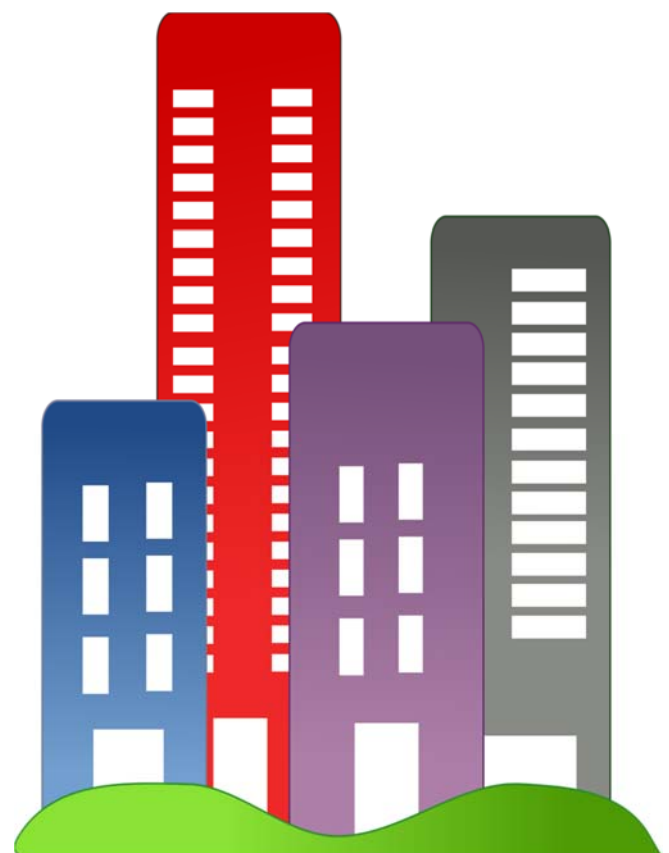
### VI. BUSINESS

- A. Ratify Negotiations—The Summary of Tentative Agreements was approved.
- B. Set Classified and Administrative Salaries—It was approved for all classified and administrative personnel to receive the same percentage increase as the returning teachers.
- C. Activity Trip and Substitute Bus Driver pay—It was approved to raise the hourly rate for Activity Trips to \$12.00 and for Substitute Bus Drivers to \$10.70.
- D. Accept Gift—The gift of \$50,000.00 from a local charitable organization for the purpose of helping with preschool expenses was accepted.
- E. Preschool Approval—Approval was given to move forward with plans to start a full-time preschool program next year.
- F. Student Out-of-State Travel—Mrs. Grover’s request for the band to travel to Dallas in March was approved.
- G. Board Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading—Since this was the first reading of these proposed policies, no action was taken and they will be brought back to the November board meeting for possible action.
- H. Supplemental Positions—Kora Bergstrom was approved as the Asst. HS Girls’ Basketball coach and Madonna Anglin was approved as the Forensics sponsor.

There were two Executive Sessions (Personnel, Negotiations).

## ELL-SALINE DRAMA PRESENTS

The Ell-Saline Drama Department Presents *Crazy Town* by Jonathan Rand! Come support the drama department on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the small gym to be entertained by the zaniest town around. From interrogating the nicest guy in town to cleaning up their “act” on stage, Crazytown citizens provide a roaring good time for the audience. (Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.—[www.playscripts.com](http://www.playscripts.com)) Tickets: \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. A special thanks to the After Prom Committee for providing concessions and the bake sale. Be sure to support your After Prom and buy some goodies!



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Welcome to November from Ell-Saline USD 307. Wow! It doesn't seem possible that it can be that time of year. However, the much cooler temperatures of recent days has been a good reminder. A fourth of our year is already over as the first 9-weeks has already ended. In just a few short weeks we'll be gathering around our dining room tables with family and friends, eating a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and giving thanks for the many blessings that we continue to receive.

This past month I have been reminded of, and have observed, many things going on with our students, staff and patrons that give us cause for celebration and thanksgiving.

- ✓ Various FFA teams placed well at competitions they were in.
- ✓ The MS volleyball and football teams completed their seasons after giving us plenty to cheer about and showing improvement during the season.
- ✓ The HS volleyball completed its season at the sub-state tournament, the cross country boys' team and Kami Johnson qualified for the State meet and the football team is ready for its post season competitions.
- ✓ Ms. Brandt and Ms. Grover are working with their students in preparation of the Grades 1-2 music concert on November 14, the HOA Instrumental Honors Concert at Remington on November 7 and the Grades 7-12 music concert on November 27.
- ✓ Our HS Scholars' Bowl team coached by Mrs. Hanson has been gearing up for its upcoming season.
- ✓ Mrs. Little and the play cast are preparing for their performances of *Crazy Town* on November 10 and 11.
- ✓ Numerous educational field trips have been taken to expand on classroom instruction.
- ✓ As evidenced by looking at Power School, even amidst all of the activities going on, our students and staff have kept their focus on academics as our students have maintained very high grades.
- ✓ A large percentage of our parents attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences where they had an opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the teachers.
- ✓ Our CPTA and Booster Club have continued to provide additional support for our students and staff.
- ✓ Several district patrons have given of their time by volunteering to serve on the Site-Councils at each building.
- ✓ Our elementary staff is gearing up for the Family Fun Night that will be on November 9.

Whew! October was a busy month for everyone and it looks like November will be the same! We thank you for having taken the time and interest to attend, support and encourage our students and staff in all of their efforts and we encourage you to take advantage of the upcoming opportunities this next month.

It is refreshing to see the interest, and involvement, of so many parents and patrons of the district. That is just one of the many things that I am thankful for again this year. Only through your help and involvement will Ell-Saline USD 307 continue to be a place where your children will receive a quality education. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence.

### Booster Club Meeting Minutes September 6, 2017

In attendance: Jacque Backhus, Jamie & Darcy Bradley, Laurie Came, Stacy Came, Chris Carazo, Troy & Darci Ditto, Jason Fuller, Karla Alley, Kyle & Heather Hardesty, Angela Hopkins, Chad & Amber Johnson, Mendee Kramer, Krista Linenberger, Kim Parks, Dianne Schulz, Jeff & Diane Vogt, Tamara Wallace, Gerald White, and Julie Work.

- Account Balances – Booster checking balance- \$20,200.93, MS Summer Basketball balance- \$1408.05, Baseball balance- \$300.78
- Discussed Homecoming Night and the "Franks-a-lot" meal. Took volunteers to help set-up and serve.
- Heard from Jeff Vogt about Hudl Program for both boys and girls basketball. Mendee Kramer moved we allow \$400 to help with this program for each team. Jamie Bradley seconded.
- Moved Youth Track Meet to April 28.
- Darcy Bradley presented a grant opportunity to help with buying new bleachers. Mendee Kramer will write the grant.
- Chris Carazo presented the price quote and design for gym wall mats. Kim Parks moved we accept the quote and Stacy Came seconded.
- Chris Carazo is working with PowerAd for information on possible new score tables in gym.

Next booster club meeting is Wednesday, November 1st at 7 pm. We will be gearing up for our annual youth basketball fundraiser held in January.

### AFTER PROM NEWS

Next after prom meeting is Wednesday, November 1st at 8 pm. We will be preparing for the play refreshment fundraiser and holiday bargain shopping.

After Prom will be selling drinks and individual baked items during intermission of the school play on Friday and Saturday, November 10th & 11th. We will also have a bake sale at the same time.

After prom is asking junior and senior families to send baked items to the school on Friday, November 10th. We ask that seniors send items that could be sold as game sale items and Junior parents send items to be sold individually as refreshments at the play. All donated baked items will be appreciated! If you would like to help serve at either of the performances, please contact Darcy Bradley at 785-819-4091. Thank you!

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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|----------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Nov 2    | 4:00 HS Scholars' Bowl @ Bennington  | Nov 15 | Last Hour—Sports Signing Day         |
| Nov 3    | No ESE After School                  | Nov 15 | 7:00 Booster Club Meeting @ ESH      |
| Nov 3    | ACT Registration Deadline            | Nov 16 | 3:40 MS/HS Media Day Winter Pictures |
| Nov 3    | 7:00 HS FB Regionals                 | Nov 16 | FFA AG comm/Dairy/Food Science       |
| Nov 4    | HS KMEA Auditions @ Junction City    | Nov 17 | No ESE After School                  |
| Nov 4-5  | FCCLA Nat'l Meeting @ Denver, CO     | Nov 17 | ESE Fall Retakes & Group Pictures    |
| Nov 6-12 | HS Buffer Week                       | Nov 17 | 7:00 HS FB Sub-State                 |
| Nov 6    | 4:00 HS Scholars' Bowl @ Lincoln     | Nov 20 | 4:00 MS BB @ Inman                   |
| Nov 6    | 6:00 HS Winter Sports Parent Meeting | Nov 20 | 5:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESE              |
| Nov 7    | General Election Day                 | Nov 21 | No ESE After School                  |
| Nov 7    | HOA League Band @ Remington          | Nov 21 | 4:00 MS BB Wilson @ ES               |
| Nov 9    | NHS Blood Drive                      | Nov 22 | NO SCHOOL                            |
| Nov 9    | 5:45 ESE Family Fun Night            | Nov 23 | NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving         |
| Nov 10   | No ESE After School                  | Nov 24 | NO SCHOOL                            |
| Nov 10   | 7:00 MS/HS Play                      | Nov 25 | HS FB State @ Hays                   |
| Nov 10   | 7:00 HS FB Sectionals                | Nov 27 | 7:00 7-12 Band/Choir Concert @ ESH   |
| Nov 11   | FFA Par-Law Ritual                   | Nov 28 | 4:00 HS Scholars' Bowl @ Tescott     |
| Nov 11   | 7:00 MS/HS Play                      | Nov 28 | HS BB Gatorade Scrimmage @ ES        |
| Nov 13   | 7:00 BOE Meeting @ DO                |        | 6:00 HS Girls                        |
| Nov 13   | Winter Sports Practice Begins        |        | 6:00 HS Boys                         |
| Nov 14   | No ESE After School                  | Nov 30 | 4:00 MS BB @ Marion                  |
| Nov 14   | Preschool Day Camp                   |        |                                      |
| Nov 14   | 7:00 1 & 2 Vocal Program @ ESE       |        |                                      |

