

September 11 Board Meeting Report

Jamie Bradley, Mitch Drees and Jeff Parker were the only board members absent. All action was approved on a 4-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

V. REPORTS

Officer Lanning – Officer Lanning reported on programs he either currently is conducting with classes or will be later this year and progress on the Elementary School Crisis Plan.

BOE – None

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: this year’s Elementary School Mission to “Enhance every child’s educational experience”; Spirit Monkey Schoolwide Incentive Program; parent involvement at Class Night and Class Conferences; Pre-school starting on Tuesday with 22 students; Kindergarten Readiness tool; and various activities.

Mr. Wilson – His report included: activities on the Solar Eclipse day; fall sports; FFA, band, PALS and FCCLA activities; and implementing the Career Cruising program.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: reading 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. Tax Increase Resolution—This was approved as presented and as required by law.
- B. Authorize School Nutrition Representative—Lynn Davis was approved for this position.
- C. Accept Supplemental Resignation—Bryson Flax’ resignation as the Head HS Boys’ Basketball coach was accepted.
- D. Approve Supplemental Recommendations—Josh Burt was approved as the Head HS Boys’ Basketball coach, Doug Wilson as an Asst. HS Volleyball coach and Joey Hanson as an Asst. HS Boys’ Basketball coach.
- E. Approve Student Out-of-State Travel—Mr. Weis’ request for 10 FFA students and himself to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana was approved.
- F. KESA Update—Mrs. Sprinkle shared information on the KESA process.

There were no Executive Sessions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 9, 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.

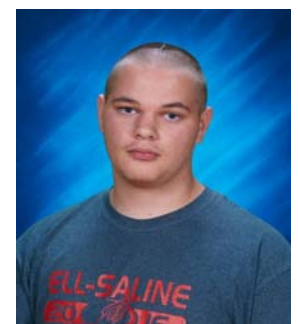
Laura Miller



SEPTEMBER MS
STUDENT
OF THE MONTH

Laura Miller is the daughter of Jami Miller and Jeremy Miller, and the sister of Sadie, Zachary, Colton, Preston, Tanner, and Brady. In school, Laura is involved in cross-country, basketball, track, FACS, and band. She is also a member of First Covenant Church. In her spare time, Laura enjoys running with her cross-country team on Saturdays, drawing, watching movies, and shopping at the mall. After high school, Laura plans to attend K-State and become a teacher. Great job Laura!

Jordan Werner



SEPTEMBER HS
STUDENT
OF THE MONTH

Jordan Werner is a senior, the son of Charles and Michelle Werner, and the brother of Josh and Jake Werner. In school, Jordan is involved in Student Council, Scholars’ Bowl, Science Olympiad, Band, BPA, NHS, Gifted, PALS, and track. In the community, he is a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and the Salina Municipal Band. Outside of school, he enjoys reading, writing, surfing the internet, and hanging out with his friends. After high school, Jordan plans to attend KU or WSU to major in English and become a writer. Way to go, Jordan!

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Welcome to autumn from Ell-Saline USD 307. With the mix of cool days and hot days it's not been easy to tell which season we are in! I see dust flying in the fields as the farmers work the dry ground as they continue preparing for wheat planting. I've seen a few fields of corn and soybeans that are partially harvested while yet other parts of the field are still ripening. Milo fields are starting to turn colors. With the daylight hours becoming fewer, there will be a definite coolness in the air as evening approaches and we will 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 practically over 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 the smoothest, most positive beginning to a year across an entire district 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. Our students have taken the MAP assessment, DIBELS diagnostic instrument, had a Book Fair, performed at the State Fair, 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, goal setting, implementing the Career Cruising program to help our students explore career options and plan their course of study, and covering state mandates. It is a busy, productive start to the school year. Thank you to each of you for your part in helping to make this such a great start.

As a district we are only as strong as all parts working together are. Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in each building at the end of the first 9-weeks this year which is October 17. I again look forward to seeing a 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. Again this fall we have seen several cases of respiratory ailments. 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.

Ell-Saline BOOSTER CLUB

Check out all the great Cardinal Gear that Booster Club has to offer. Go to <https://square.com/store/ell-saline-booster-club>. Place an order from home and pick it up at the next game or have it sent home with your student. Share with family and friends. Great way to order gifts for Christmas and birthdays!

We will have Booster Club items for sale at the following games in October.

Thursday, October 5th	Friday, October 13th
Tuesday, October 10th	Thursday, October 26th

The next Booster Club meeting is Wednesday, November 1st at 7 pm at the high school. The date on the school calendar is incorrect. Hope to see many new faces there!

An easy way to support the Booster Club is to sign up for the community rewards program through Dillon's. Log onto <http://dillons.com/communityrewards>. If you are already a member of the program, make sure once you are signed in that you use the 5-digit code for the Ell-Saline Booster Club (89049). If you are new to the program, create an account and enroll. You also need to make sure you have the Booster Club code (89049) entered. Every time you shop at Dillon's, Booster Club will get a percentage of your purchases! Thanks so much for your support!

AFTER PROM NEWS

The next After Prom meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th at 7 pm at the high school.

After Prom will be having cinnamon rolls for sale on the following dates:

Thursday, October 5th
Friday, October 13th
Thursday, October 26th

Community members, parents and families of Ell-Saline. The Ell-Saline After Prom Committee is currently looking for local businesses and families to help sponsor this event. If you own a business or work for a business that would be willing to donate to our After Prom, please let us know. We will contact them and explain how our event works. If you personally would like to give a donation to this event, we would gladly accept it also! Please contact one of the following members for more information. Thanks so much for your support!

Laurie Came 493-2991	Nikki Davenport 223-1164
Darcy Bradley 819-4091	Amber Johnson 303-870-1713

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
STAFF RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES**

At halftime of the football game on Friday, September 1, 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 Cheryl Higgins; Vice-President John Fouard; Jamie Bradley; Mitch Drees; Marty Kramer; and Jeff Parker.

New staff members recognized were: Erin Hecker, Elementary Library Para; Leslie Hecker, Elementary Title I Reading Teacher; Danielle Lee, 4th Grade Teacher; Stephanie Lindsay, 6th Grade Teacher; Stacey Scritchfield, HS Special Ed Teacher and Head HS Volleyball Coach; and Rachel Thaemert, 6th Grade Teacher.

Returning staff members recognized were: 5-year – Kris Bell, MS Cheerleader Sponsor; Anita Bird, Elementary School Administrative Assistant; Julie Glenn, HS Math Teacher; Megan Harding, Kindergarten Teacher; Norm Jennings, MS Wrestling Coach; Amanda Little, HS Language Arts Teacher and Drama Sponsor; John Ogden, MS/HS Special Ed Para; Kim Parks, 1st Grade Teacher; and Jeff Westover, MS/HS Social Studies Teacher and Head Cross Country Coach: 10-year – Amy Brandt, Elementary Music Teacher; Jeremy Diehl, Bus Driver; Julie Flax, Special Ed Para; Larry Laas, MS/HS Counselor; John Ludes, Asst. HS Football Coach and Head HS Wrestling Coach: 15-year – Erin Dunstan, K-12 Art Teacher: 20-year – Susan Black, Bus Driver; Cindy Jensen, Bus Driver; Brenda Johnson, District Office Administrative Assistant and Athletic Director/Transportation Director Secretary; Susan Reiff, Elementary School Cook; Lee Weis, Vo Ag Instructor, NHS , FFA, Junior Class, Concession Sponsor: 25-year – Debbie Smith, Bus Driver; 34-year – Lori Scuitte, HS Language Arts Teacher: and 13-year Elementary School Volunteer Vivian Kochanowski.

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, Erin Hecker, John Fouard, Danielle Lee, Stephanie Lindsay, Marty Kramer, Stacey Scritchfield, Rachel Thaemert, Jamie Bradley, Julie Glenn, Kris Bell, Amanda Little, Cheryl Higgins, Susan Reiff, Larry Laas, Debbie Smith, Kim Parks, Julie Flax, Jeff Westover, Brenda Johnson, Erin Dunstan, Lee Weis, Jeremy Diehl, Lori Scuitte, Vivian Kochanowski. Not Pictured – Leslie Hecker, Anita Bird, Megan Harding, Norm Jennings, John Ogden, Amy Brandt, John Ludes, Susan Black, Cindy Jensen



Substitute Cooks Wanted

If interested please apply online at:

www.ellsaline.org - District Office - Job Openings

Complete and submit the **Non-Certified Application**.

If you have questions, contact 785-225-6813.



Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted

If interested please apply online at:

www.ellsaline.org-District Office-Job Openings

Complete and submit the **Non-Certified Application**

If you have questions, contact
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

Oct 1	KS Junior Livestock Show	Oct 17	End of Quarter
Oct 2	6:00 HS JV VB @ Minneapolis	Oct 17	No ESE After School
Oct 2	6:00 HS JV FB @ Trinity Catholic	Oct 17	3:00 MS VB HOA Tournament @ Marion
Oct 3	3:30 HS CC @ Ellsworth	Oct 17	5:00 HS VB @ ES
Oct 3	4:00 HS VB @ ES	Oct 17	6:30-8:00 CPTA Red Ribbon Event
Oct 5	ESE Fall Pictures	Oct 18	NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
Oct 5	4:30 MS VB Remington @ ES 8th Parent Recognition Night	Oct 18	4:15-8:15 Parent/Teacher Conference
Oct 5	6:00 MS FB Remington @ ES 8th Parent Recognition Night	Oct 19	NO SCHOOL
Oct 6	NO ESE After School	Oct 19	7:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conference
Oct 6	7:00 HS FB @ Sterling	Oct 20	NO SCHOOL
Oct 7	9:00 MS "B" VB Tournament @ Minneapolis	Oct 20	7:00 HS FB @ Sacred Heart
Oct 7	5:30-8:00 CPTA Fall Event @ ESE	Oct 21	ACT Test Date
Oct 9	5:00 HS JV VB @ Sacred Heart	Oct 21	TBA HS VB Sub State
Oct 9	6:00 HS JV FB Sterling @ ES	Oct 21	TBA HS CC Regionals
Oct 9	7:00 BOE Meeting @ DO	Oct 23	6:00 HS JV FB Sacred Heart @ ES
Oct 10	Preschool Day Camp	Oct 25-28	National FFA Convention
Oct 10	4:00 MS/HS CC HOA @ Hutchinson	Oct 26	7:00 HS FB Smith Center @ ES Senior Parent Recognition Night
Oct 10	5:00 HS VB @ ES Senior Parent Recognition Night	Oct 27	NO ESE After School
Oct 12	4:30 MS VB @ Sedgwick	Oct 27	TBA HS VB State
Oct 12	6:00 MS FB @ Sedgwick	Oct 28	TBA HS CC State
Oct 13	NO ESE After School	Oct 30	NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service Day
Oct 13	7:00 HS FB Republic Co. @ ES Little Cheerleaders Night	Oct 31	
Oct 14	HS HOA VB @ Bennington		
Oct 15	3:00 Outdoor Learning Center Work Day		
Oct 16	5:00 HS JV VB @ Minneapolis	Oct 31	NO ESE After School
Oct 16	6:00 HS JV FB @ Republic Co.	Oct 31	8:30 ESE Halloween Parade & Parties
Oct 16	5:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESE		