

April 9 Board Meeting Report

All board members were present. All action was approved on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

V. REPORTS

BOE – None

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included updates on: preschool programming updates and currently we have received \$133,388.00 from various charitable organizations in support of our starting a program next fall; there are currently 36 students registered for Kindergarten Round-Up; the KESA process; Mrs. Bird updating the elementary portion of the district website; and various student activities.

Mr. Wilson – His report included updates on: KELPA test being completed and other state assessments about ready to begin; spring activities; “Wonder” essay activities; and an ACT prep class.

Mr. Minneman – His report included updates on: the legislature passing SB 423 (school finance bill) for \$525M over 5 years. It now goes to the Governor for his signature and then on to the Supreme Court to see if it will pass their test; 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. Approve New Hires—The following new staff members were approved. Melissa Duerr to fill the Kindergarten position. She has taught 1 year of Kindergarten at Meadowlark, 2 years of science and 2 years of Kindergarten at Meadowlark. Trina Riffel to fill the 1st Grade position. She has taught either 1st Grade, Title Reading or Kindergarten at Cottonwood for 10 years.
- B. Licensed Staff Contracts—All currently employed licensed staff members (teachers) currently employed who have not already resigned were approved for contracts again next year.
- C. Accept Resignations—The following resignations were accepted: Jesse Bengtson as Asst. MS Boys’ Basketball coach and Drew Shaver as Asst. MS Girls’ Basketball coach.
- D. Approve Winter Sport Supplemental Positions—This item was tabled.
- E. Accept Donations—The following gifts were accepted for the preschool program: Dane Hanson, \$10,000.00 and Greater Salina Community Foundation, \$3,638.00.
- F. Approve KELI Registration—It was approved to pay the registration for Mr. Rowley to participate in the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) mentoring program for first year superintendents.

There were four Executive Sessions (Personnel-3, Negotiations).

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 14, 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.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

We are now "making the final relay exchange" for this school year. By the time you receive this we will have less than 3 weeks left until we have "broken the finish line tape" and school will be over for the 2017-2018 school year. It seems like such a short time ago that we were just "settling into the starting blocks". This has truly been an enjoyable, positive, successful, fast year for students, staff and parents alike.

In the next couple of weeks we have the opportunity to look back over the students' accomplishments of this year with the various awards and performance nights. For our seniors we heard at the Senior Signing Day of their plans for next year and all of the scholarships that they have won and we will be able to share in their celebration of the past 13 years with their graduation exercises on May 13. For our 8th graders, during their Awards Night on May 15 we will get to hear of their accomplishments of this year and to challenge them to not only continue that but also to build on it throughout their next four years in high school. I encourage each of you to attend as many of these events as you can to support our students.

Along with looking back over the past years, we are also looking forward to next year as kindergarten round-up and middle/high school student enrollment are taking place. Our preliminary count of kindergartners for next year is 41 which is considerably higher than we have had in past years--and we only have spots for 36 kindergarteners. We are also receiving pre-enrollment for our inaugural year of preschool next fall. We have interviewed candidates, hired new staff members and began to order necessary supplies. We are balancing next year's needs between this, and next year's, budgets.

As we do those things this spring, as I reported in my last few ECHO articles, it is with a continued positive outlook about next year's, and future years', budgets. The basis of my positive outlook is now two-fold. First, the legislature has passed a funding bill that provides substantial dollars starting next year and going through four years after that. That plan still needs to pass the Supreme Court's test but I am optimistic that it will. Secondly, not only has the State been taking in several million more dollars in revenue than was projected this year but when the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group met on April 20 it projected an increase of approximately \$543M between now and June 2019. With this increase in State revenue, not only should public K-12 education see a funding increase but all other agencies that have seen their funding either cut or held flat for the last several years should see one as well. All of this can be accomplished without the legislature having to increase taxes or pit one agency against the others.

Regardless of the challenges that are put in front of us, you can be assured that your Board of Education will continue to work with our budget to provide your children a quality education. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the Ell-Saline USD 307 school district. Please call or stop in so we can visit about the many good things going on in your district.



The HS Art classes traveled to Inman this year for their HOA League Art Show and to Hays for the Annual High School Art Exhibition. Seven students won awards at League and twelve students won awards at Hays. Congratulations to the following students for their job well done!

The following students received awards at our HOA League Art Show:

Jasmine Sheets- 1st place-Journal
Clarissa Boydston- Merit Award-Pencil Drawing
Julianna Krebaum- 3rd place-Collage; Merit Award-Photography
Reece Ditto- Merit Award-Journal
Cheyenne Monasmith- 2nd place-Collage
Abby Sheffield- Merit Award-Photo Transfer
Jillian Lewin- Merit Award-Photography



The following students received Hays Recognition Awards:

Skyler Clark- Pencil Drawing
Shyanne Dreyer- Photography
Irma Michelle DeLaCruz Caldera- Photo Transfer/Pencil Drawing
Blake Bell- Pencil Drawing/Tape Sculpture
Derell Finch- Pencil Drawing
Erin Lange- Pencil Drawing
Jennifer Nunez- Pencil Drawing
Karlee LaRue- Collage
Julianna Krebaum- 2 Photography/Collage
Jillian Lewin- Pencil Drawing/Photography
Clarissa Boydston- Pencil Drawing



April Students of the Month

Ashton Travis is the daughter of Bill Travis and Jodi Crawford, and the sister of Colin Travis. In school, Ashton is involved in NHS, PALS, Art, cross-country, basketball and softball. Outside of school, she enjoys playing basketball and reading. After high school, Ashton plans to attend Fort Hays State University but is undecided on a major. Way to go, Ashton!

April HS Student of the Month:
Ashton Travis



April MS Student of the Month:
Abby Riedel



Abby Riedel is the daughter of John Riedel and Laura Cople, and the sister of John and Brett Riedel. In school, Abby is involved in Scholars' Bowl, Science Olympiad, FCCLA, football, and track. In the community, she volunteers at the Love Chloe Foundation. In her spare time, she enjoys painting, drawing, playing softball, playing the guitar and piano, and fishing. After high school, she would like to attend K-State and get a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Great job Abby!

Booster Club Meeting Minutes March 7, 2018

In attendance: Darcy Bradley, Laurie Came, Stacy Came, Troy & Darci Ditto, Angela Hopkins, Norm Jennings, John Ludes, Kim Parks, Michelle Schrock, Jerold White, and Julie Work

- Account Balances – Booster checking balance- \$19083.16, MS Summer Basketball balance- \$1408.05, Baseball balance- \$300.78
- Reviewed sales of clothing and other items from Booster Club Shop for year.
- Youth Basketball Tournament went well this year.
- John Ludes and Norm Jennings presented request to help pay back part of costs for new wrestling mat. Darcy Bradley moved we pay \$2000; Laurie Came seconded the motion.
- Booster Club Scholarship applications are due to Mr. Lass March 15. Voting Committee will then present the scholarships at Senior Signing Day on April 25th this year.
- Youth Track Meet is April 28. We still need someone to run the concession stand.
- Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated April 23, 25, & 26. Kim Parks and Julie Work will be sending out emails as to what is needed for donations

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 2018 7:00 pm in Commons Area.



BAND AWARDS **Way to Go**

Wednesday, April 18, the band traveled to Concordia for the KSHSAA State Large Group Contest, where they received a I rating.

The following students qualified their solos and competed at State on Saturday, April 28, at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina: Katelyn Brandt, Trevor Peterson, Jaycee Wallace, Caden White, Madelyn Hayes, Christian Carrazco and Colton Bell.

The following students qualified their ensembles and will also compete at State on Saturday, April 28, at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

Saxophone Trio-Colton White, Mattie Best, Avery Bradley
Percussion Quartet-Sydney Watters, Reece Ditto, Angel McDanel, Jonah Mattson

On the road again, Saturday, April 21, they traveled to Dallas, Texas for the American Classic Festival, and received trophies for I rating and Top Overall Performance for the weekend.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

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| May 1 | 9:00 MS TR @ Beloit | May 10 | Last Day of ESE After School |
| May 1 | 3:00 HS SB/BSB Sedgwick @ ES | May 11 | 3:00 HOA HS TR @ Sterling |
| May 1 | 3:00 HS TR @ Tescott | May 13 | 1:30 High School Graduation |
| May 2 | 9:00 HOA Industrial Arts/Ag Fair @ ES | May 14-16 | MS/HS Semester Finals |
| May 2 | 6:00 Senior Trip Parents Meeting | May 14 | 2A SB/BSB Regionals Week |
| May 2 | 7:00 Booster Club Meeting @ ESH | May 14 | 7:00 BOE Meeting @ DO |
| May 4 | No ESE After School | May 15 | 11:45 All School Picnic @ ESE |
| May 4 | 8:30 Graduation Rehearsal | May 15 | 7:00 MS Awards Night/8th Grade Promotion |
| May 4 | 3:00 HS SB/BSB Little River @ ES | May 16 | 11:00 Dismissal Last Day of School |
| May 4 | 3:00 HS TR @ Lincoln | May 17 | Teacher Workday |
| May 5-9 | Senior Trip | May 18 | Teacher Workday |
| May 7 | No ESE After School | May 18 | 2:00 HS TR Regionals @ Smith Center |
| May 7 | 4:00 HS JV BSB Minneapolis @ ES | May 24-25 | HS SB 2A State @ Pratt |
| May 7 | 4:00 FR/SO TR @ Moundridge | May 24-25 | HS BSB 2A State @ Great Bend |
| May 7 | 7:00 3-4 Vocal Program @ ESE | May 25-26 | HS Track 2A State @ Wichita |
| May 8 | 11:00 HOA MS TR @ Moundridge | May 28 | Memorial Day |
| May 8 | 3:00 SB/BSB @ Bennington | May 29 | KSHSAA Allowable Practice Dates Begin |
| May 9 | 6th Grade Shadow Day | May 29-31 | FFA State Convention |
| May 9-12 | BPA National Leadership Conference @ Dallas, TX | | |