

FEBRUARY 13 BOARD MEETING REPORT

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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD—None

REPORTS

BOE – Jamie Bradley reported that the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser will be held on May 4 at C&W Ranch; and Marty Kramer reported that the Booster Club Youth Basketball Tournament was a huge success and he thanked all of those that helped.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: state assessments will begin on March 12; certified teachers will be given half-day sessions to continue work on the Math Curriculum Maps and gathering resources for Common Core instruction; the Schoolwide Leadership Team met and discussed the Behavior Expectation Plan and the Team will be meeting to review homework policies, grading policies and ways to address late or missing work; Pennies for Patients has started; Valentine's Parties will be on February 14; Happy Bear will be visiting K-2nd graders next week; and she has not received any reports of security not being maintained during after-hours practice times in the past month.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: the first lockdown drill was held; many activities hosted during the month of February; and grades 7-12 will be attending a Character Education/Anti-Bullying seminar at Southeast of Saline on February 28.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: a listing of the numerous bills being proposed this year that will impact K-12 education; district office technology; read three Thank You notes; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Common Core Information—With there no longer being a Standard of Excellence (SOE) on the current state assessments, the board approved suspending the MS/HS Summer School requirement for students Not Meeting Standard until such a time that standards are determined for the new Common Core assessments. Also, information on the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) for Assessment Performance Index for Achievement was presented as an information item only.

Evaluation Instrument Information—The 2013-14 School Calendar was amended that Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3 and 4, be In-Service Days rather than Student Contact Days. These days will be devoted to training on the McRel Teacher Evaluation instrument. The board also set April 8, 4:30 p.m., as the time for the board training on the McRel Superintendent Evaluation instrument.

Spanish Delivery—Mrs. Wildeman presented information on various delivery systems we are looking into for next year (live teacher, ITV, placing the Spanish hours back-to-back on the schedule).

Fall Sport Supplemental Positions—This item was again tabled until next month.

Accept Resignations—Kim Martin's resignation as a MS/HS Title Math para and Brent Orme's resignation as the MS Head Boys' Basketball Coach were accepted.

Principals' Contracts—Mrs. Sprinkle's and Mrs. Wildeman's contracts were extended through the 2014-15 school year which keeps them on a 2-year contract. Salary was not part of the action at this time.

End-of-School-Year Activities—This annual event was set for Monday, May 20, at 12:00 at the Elementary School.

School Security—Approval was given to pay for the School Security upgrades out of the Contingency Reserve Fund.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 11 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 Jeff Parker, Vice-President Geena Kejr or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.



Wednesday, April 24, 2013

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2013, please contact Ell-Saline Elementary School for details (785) 827-8891.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Let it snow! Let it snow! We had been needing and wanting moisture of any kind for quite some time and we finally got it. It did create some hazardous travel conditions, made taking care of livestock more difficult, and closed school for several days. Even with that, I think that the majority of us welcomed the snow and hope that this is just the beginning of more moisture throughout the year.

This Thursday marks the end of the third 9-weeks! In just three short months school will be out for the summer. Between now and then there is a considerable amount yet to be accomplished for this year as well as planning to be done for next year.

Within the next couple of weeks, our students will begin taking the state assessments. This year various grade levels will be tested in Math, Reading, Social Science and Science. As we are making the transition from No Child Left Behind to the Common Core Standards, our teachers are not placing as much emphasis as we have in the past on preparing for the current assessments. As a result we anticipate that there might be a slight dip in our overall scores and we are prepared for that. However, our staff is still using quality teaching techniques and covering content so we anticipate that our students will still do very well on the assessments. We ask that you encourage your children to do their best, get adequate sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast during these testing days.

Again this year the legislative session is proving to be as challenging as was anticipated. More education bills than usual have been introduced so far this session but very few of them have a positive impact on Ell-Saline students or K-12 education in general. There have also been a few tax overhaul bills presented that would reduce the amount of state revenue which in turn would not lead to restoring the funding cuts of the past years. There are also proposed bills aimed at reducing any opposition to the ideals of the current state leadership. In contrast to last year when most of these proposed bills came from the House, many of the proposed bills this year are coming from the Senate and are finding more support in both chambers. Bulleted below are some of the bills that would have the most serious consequence on both schools and all taxpayers.

- **SB 78 and HB 2110** – Governor's revenue plan that among other things maintains the current state sales tax rate, repeals the mortgage interest and property tax deductions from state income tax and enacting a new set of income tax rate cuts.
- **SB 169 and HB 2004** – Enacts the Governor's Read to Succeed Act; requires most 3rd grade students be retained at grade level unless demonstrating a minimum standard on reading tests.
- **SB 174** – Eliminates most school finance weightings and requires proration of at-risk weighting, with funding redirected to provide statutory base state aid per pupil at \$4,492. This is a shifting of money, not additional money, to make it appear that the state is funding the statutory amount of \$4,492.
- **SB 172** – Prohibits the use of Carnegie units or other "seat time" based requirement for graduation, effective next year.
- **SB 103** - Redefines at-risk funding. So far there is no explanation of this bill.
- **HB 2263** – Provides publicly funded scholarships or vouchers for special education students to attend private schools or other public schools.
- **HB 2003** – Requires districts to levy a 10 percent local option budget, to be used to finance a portion of base state per pupil. The purpose is to help the state's school finance defense.
- **HB 2271 and SB 211** – Moves school board and other local elections to November of even-numbered years; makes all elections partisan meaning the candidates would need to run as Republicans, Democrats, etc; and eliminates the option of local board districts. Whereas we currently have two board members elected from three separate districts and one board member elected at large for our seven board members, if this passes then all of our board members must be elected at-large. This would mean that all seven board members could be elected from the same general area within our district rather than all areas of our district being represented.
- **SB 109** – Prohibits public funds from being used for lobbying, or paying dues to organizations that lobby, or contract for lobbying.
- **HB 2285** – Amends the definition of machinery and equipment to reduce or eliminate taxes on certain equipment, with unknown impact on property base. This bill would reduce by billions of dollars the value of tax valuation primarily for manufacturing companies which would result in millions of dollars less in tax revenue to the state. This would mean that the state would have considerably less resources available to fund the amount/services that it does currently. If passed this would have a tremendous negative impact on everyone that owns any other taxable property as taxes on that would likely increase considerably.
- **SCR 1601 and HCR 5002** – Judges would be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.
- **SCR 1608** – Legislature determines suitable finance.

I encourage you to contact your local legislators and share with them how these would have a negative impact on our students and encourage them to provide the necessary amount of funding for education. Contact information for our local legislators is provided below.

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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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STAFF/STUDENT OF THE MONTH



The February Staff Member of the Month is Kevin Patrick. He has been the High-School Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology teacher for thirteen years. His extra duties include being an Assistant Football Coach, the Head Track Coach, Cross Country Coach, and the Science Olympiad Coach. In Kevin's community he is involved in a Men's Church Group. His hobbies include gardening, baking, hunting, fishing, and rock hounding. He would like to thank the students, staff, and community for all of the support that his family and he received after the tornado last spring.

The February High School Student of the Month is senior Michaela Lill. She is the niece of Jack Lill and the older sibling of Cade and Lakota Heinrich. At school, you will see her being an avid participator in FFA. In her community Michaela volunteers at the Salina Animal Shelter and is a kitchen server at Emmanuel Christian Church. Her hobbies include riding and spending time with her horses, hanging out with friends, and teaching her little brothers about new things. Michaela is planning on attending Hutchinson Community College to major in Animal Science and possibly go back for a degree in Fire Science.



The February Middle School Student of the Month is eighth grader Tifanie Becker. Tifanie is the daughter of Alan and Tamie Becker. During this school year, you can see her participating in FCA and Friends of Rachel. In her community, she works at the Salina Public Library. Some of Tifanie's hobbies include working at Del's Alternator after school, spending time with her family, and reading. In the future, Tifanie plans on attending KU for Medical School.



Lion's Club

Pancake Breakfast

Brookville Community Bldg.

Saturday, March 23rd, 2013

7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Free Will

Donations

50/50 Raffle



FFA ALUMNI

The Ell-Saline FFA Alumni will be meeting **March 17, 2013** at **6:00pm** at Jason Kerns place - 2309 S Powers Rd., Salina.

Come join us for **March Madness**, hear what our FFA Chapter has been doing and help us plan for the 2nd Annual Silent Auction. Proceeds from the Auction will go towards various scholarships for our FFA students.

Please contact Pat Pieschl at 785-452-1625 or taf_298@hotmail.com with questions.

GEARING UP FOR DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver's Education will be offered after school is let out for the summer. The exact dates with more detailed information will be sent out with the third quarter grades to eligible students. The total cost of the program is \$152. For a student to enroll in Driver's Education at the U.S.D. 307 the student must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The student must be 15 years of age by Aug. 31st of the current year driver's education is held and be a completed freshman.
2. The student must have a farm permit by the first day of class.

Please contact John Johnson with questions.



Congratulations



Back Row- Coach Wolters, Kadi Relph, Reilly Brin, Baylee Kohman, Morgan Davenport, Megan Northcutt. Middle Row- Kylee Jones, Vaiden White, Brooklyn Plott, Miranda Work, Madi Schuman, Randi Sheridan, Coach Marshall. Front Row- Sydney Omli, Milah Linenberger, Baleigh Griffin

The Ell-Saline Middle School Lady Cards finished their outstanding basketball season this year by placing 2nd in the Heart of America League Tournament! The overall record for their successful season was 10-4.

Congratulations ladies for all your hard work and accomplishments!! **GO LADY CARDS!!**



The Ell-Saline Booster Club Youth Basketball Tournament held on January 19th and 20th was again a success! We would like to thank everyone that volunteered to help with this event. Many Ell-Saline Middle and High school students took time out of their busy weekend to help and it was very appreciated.

A special thanks goes out to **Anita Bird** for organizing the concessions for the weekend, **Rick Work** for his donations and also to **Jim's Chicken** for donating chicken and noodles for the event.

We would also like to thank **Susie Omli** for all of her help this weekend and for showing new tournament directors **Mendee** and **Marty Kramer** how to run a successful tournament.



Thank-you to everyone that helped!!



TO: Ell-Saline Middle/High School students, community, and patrons.

FROM: Friends of Rachel student group

Success in numbers!!!! 2nd Annual FOR Bake Sale took place on Friday, February 8, 2013. There were 385 food items and 18 dozen cookies donated by 40 middle/high school students who wanted to help! \$906.30 was earned that night! HOW GREAT IS THAT! After taxes the net amount was divided in half and given to both Sandy Hook Elementary Support Fund and Share Our Strength: The Great American Bake Sale No Kid Hungry Campaign.

Cakes and cookies were all decorated pink and red. Homemade jam and flavored cupcakes were also blue.

So many people helped us help others.



Thank you and you and you!

FFA EASTER EGG HUNT

AT THE BROOKVILLE CITY PARK

Friday, March 29th

Age 4 and under hunt begins @ 10:00 a.m.

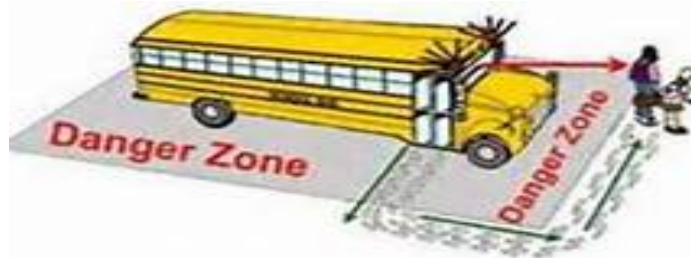
Ages 5-7 hunt begins @ 10:30 a.m.

Ages 8-10 hunt begins @ 11:00 a.m.



6 OF 9 DANGER ZONE DEATHS WERE BY OTHER VEHICLE

By: Thomas McMahon—School Bus Fleet—January 2013



Nine children were killed in school bus loading and unloading accidents in the U.S. in the 2011-12 school year, according to the Kansas State Department of Education's (KSDE) forthcoming national report.

The number of danger zone deaths was slightly higher than that of the previous school year, 2010-11, [which had eight](#).

In 2011-12, the majority of the loading and unloading fatalities — six of the nine — were caused by a vehicle passing the school bus.

Of the three children who were killed by their bus, one was struck at the left front side of the bus, one was struck by the right front wheel and one was struck at the right rear of the bus.

Another noteworthy finding of the 2011-12 report is that all of the children killed were at least 10 years old. By contrast, in 2010-11, six of the eight children killed were under age 10.

The loading/unloading report is compiled annually by KSDE's School Bus Safety Education Unit. It is a collection of fatality accident records provided by the state agencies responsible for school transportation safety and/or accident records. Onboard fatalities are not included.

Here are more details on the 2011-12 loading/unloading fatalities.

Gender: There were five males and four females killed.

Age: Five of the children killed were 11 years old. One was 10, one was 12, one was 13 and one was 17.

Conditions: There were two accidents at dawn, four in daylight, one at dusk and two in darkness. The weather was described as clear in seven of the accidents. In one case, there was rain; in another, there was fog.

Type of area: Six of the accidents were in rural areas; three were in urban areas.

Type of road: There were four fatalities on county roads, two on state highways, one on a federal highway, one on a city street and one on a gravel road.

State: There were two fatalities in Georgia, one in Pennsylvania, one in Mississippi, one in Nevada, one in Iowa, one in Washington, one in Tennessee and one in Wyoming.

The loading/unloading statistics have been collected since the 1970-71 school year. During that year, there were 75 danger zone fatalities, which is the highest total on record.

The report is described as an effort to alert individuals and organizations of the dangers involved in loading and unloading schoolchildren.

"Fatalities continue to occur at the bus stop, caused by a variety of circumstances and errors on the part of the school bus driver or passing motorist," the report says. "It points out the continuing need for forceful, advanced instruction to school bus drivers and students, as well as the need to increase our efforts to thoroughly inform the driving public about the requirements of the school bus stop law."

The full 2011-12 report will later be made available [on the KSDE website](#), which also includes data from previous years.

MONTHLY PARENT LEARNING TIPS #3
MAKE HOMEWORK COUNT

Taken from RMC Research Corporation



Homework can help your child to learn more quickly and to remember things better. It is a way for your child to practice what he or she is learning and to prepare for the next day's classes. Here are some hints for making sure your child gets the most out of the homework given:

- Set a regular time for homework to be done.
- Make sure that your child has the papers, books, and materials to do the homework.
- Encourage your child to study at a desk or table rather than in a bed or easy chair.
- Let your child see you reading and writing.
- Stay in touch with your child's teacher and find out how you should be involved in your child's homework.
- Assure that your child's assignments are completed. If your child has no homework day after day, talk with your child's teacher to be sure that he or she is completing assigned work at school.
- Limit the amount of time that your child spends watching TV.
- Limit calls from friends or loud noises in the background when your child is doing homework.
- Expect your child to keep notes on daily assignments. Ask him or her to tell you what he or she is doing in class and for homework.
- If you are unable to help your child with difficult homework, contact the school to see if homework assistance is available through an after-school program or a homework hotline.

Prom-A-Rama
Prom Dress
Give Away



Saturday, March 9th
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

The organizers will be collecting dresses from February 25 through March 8 prior to the event. You may drop off your new or gently used prom dresses at Sunflower Bank locations (downtown, South Ninth & Ohio), the YMCA at 570 YMCA Dr., and Strong Her for Women at 1907 S. Ohio (formerly Curves for Women).

Attend the event and show proof of high school attendance.

Christ the King Lutheran Church
111 W. Magnolia
785-493-5154

Make plans to come see the High School Play:

"Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit"

Friday, March 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

\$5.00 for adults (13 and up)

\$3.00 for kids (12 and under)

\$2.00 for all Ell-Saline students (Elementary & MS/HS)

In the fairy tale criminal justice system, the characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes are represented by two separate yet equally ridiculous groups: the fairy tale police who investigate fairy tale crime, and the fairy tale district attorneys who prosecute the fairy tale offenders. These are their stories.

Dress rehearsal: Friday, March 15th @ 2:15 p.m. open for anyone to attend

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

Mar. 1	NO SCHOOL —Teacher Workday 8:00-12:00	Mar. 26	4:00 MS Scholars' Bowl @ Inman
Mar. 1	HS BB Sub State Girls @ Republic County	Mar. 26	4:30 BSB @ Smoky Valley
Mar. 2	HS BB Sub State Finals @ Republic County	Mar. 26	6:00 ESIC Mtg.
Mar. 5	10:30-5:30 MS HOA League Music Festival @ Canton-Galva	Mar. 27	MS/HS Spring Sports Pictures
Mar. 6	HS BB State Boys @ KSU	Mar. 27	FFA @ Beloit
Mar. 7	HS BB State Girls @ KSU	Mar. 27	6:00 MS/HS Site Council Mtg.
Mar. 8	ACT Test Registration Deadline	Mar. 28	2:00 MS TR @ Tescott
Mar. 8	HS BB State Semi Finals @ KSU	Mar. 28	4:30 SB/BSB @ Canton-Galva
Mar. 9	HS BB State Finals @ KSU	Mar. 29	NO SCHOOL —Easter Break
Mar. 10	Daylight Savings	Mar. 29	FFA Easter Egg Hunt @ Brookville City Park
Mar. 11	7:00 BOE mtg. @ ESDO	Mar. 29	Good Friday
Mar. 12	7:00 Booster Club Meeting	Mar. 31	Easter
Mar. 13	6:30 NHS Banquet	Apr. 1	NO SCHOOL —Easter Break
Mar. 14	7:30-3:30 FFA @ Concordia	Apr. 1	8:00 HS HOA League Forensics @ Sedgwick
Mar. 15	7:00 HS Play	Apr. 2	3:00 SB/BSB Inman @ ES
Mar. 15	Elementary Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Event	Apr. 2	3:30 MS HOA League Scholars' Bowl @ Bennington
Mar. 15	FFA @ Junction City	Apr. 3	FFA @ Hutchinson
Mar. 16	FFA @ Junction City	Apr. 3	9:00 HS HOA League Art @ ES
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day	Apr. 4	4:00 MS TR @ Inman
Mar. 18	NO SCHOOL —Spring Break	Apr. 5	3:30 HS TR @ Bennington
Mar. 19	NO SCHOOL —Spring Break	Apr. 6	TBA HS Music Regional for Solos & Sm Ensembles @ Tabor College
Mar. 20	NO SCHOOL —Spring Break	Apr. 6	HS State Science Olympiad @ Wichita
Mar. 21	NO SCHOOL —Spring Break		
Mar. 22	NO SCHOOL —Spring Break		
Mar. 25	6:30 CPTA Mtg. @ ESEL		