

AUGUST 13 BOARD MEETING

Geena Kejr entered the meeting about 7:25 which was during the HS Activity Bus Request item. Action taken prior to that was on a 6-0 vote and action taken after that was on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

BUDGET HEARING

The budget was adopted as presented. The overall mill levy remains the same as it was last year.

REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

Nobody addressed the board.

REPORTS

BOE – None

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: this year's theme is "Friends Forever"; enrollment; beginning the transition to the Common Core Standards this year; new staff; professional development this year will focus on the Behavior Expectation Plan; Families, Common Core, Common Core, Common Core; activities at the building including Back-to-School Night and work on the Outdoor Learning Center; high demand for all-day kindergarten; and new procedures for lunch account reminders.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: enrollment numbers; update on offered courses; and athletic participation numbers.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: sharing the "Beginning of School Days" agenda; enrollment numbers; election results; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Approve New Hires—Brent Orme was approved as the Social Science teacher/Spanish monitor, Head MS Football, Head MS Boys' Basketball and Asst. MS Track Coach and Tom Omli was approved as an Asst. HS Football Coach.

Approve Wellness Policy—It was approved as presented.

Football Uniform Fundraiser Request—This was tabled until next month.

HS Activity Bus Request—Approval was given for a HS Activity Bus after practices the same as the MS Activity Bus with the parents paying the expense of it.

Approve Out-of-District Students—The list of new out-of-district students was approved as presented.

Staff Recognition Night—It was the consensus of the board to recognize new staff members and those returning at 5-year increments at half-time of the first HS football game on Friday, August 31.

There was one Executive Session (Negotiations). No action was taken following it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 10 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.

AUGUST 15 SPECIAL MEETING

At the Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 15, the board took the following action: Ratified Negotiations; and approved the Classified and Administrator salaries as presented. The vote was 4-0.



The Ell-Saline School Lunch Menu is now available online or you can pick up a hard copy from each school office. This is being done in an effort to save on paper. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

- Aug. 30 4:30 CC @ Lincoln
- Aug. 30 9:15-2:45 Starbase
- Sept. 3 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
- Sept. 4 4:00 HS VB @ Bennington
- Sept. 4 6:00 HS JV FB @ Marion
- Sept. 6 MS/HS Fall Pictures
- Sept. 6 9:15-2:45 Starbase
- Sept. 6 4:30 MS VB Inman @ ES
- Sept. 6 6:00 MS FB Inman @ ES
- Sept. 7 State Fair begins
- Sept. 7 7:00 HS FB Remington @ ES (Little Cheerleaders Night)
- Sept. 8 ACT Test Date
- Sept. 8 TBA HS VB Tourney @ Sylvan Grove
- Sept. 9-15 State Fair Week
- Sept. 9 Grandparents Day
- Sept. 10 MS/HS State Fair Trip
- Sept. 10 6:00 HS JV FB @ Remington
- Sept. 10 7:00 BOE Meeting at ESDO
- Sept. 11 4:00 HS VB @ Marion
- Sept. 11 5:30-7:00 ESEL Book Fair
- Sept. 13 9:15-2:45 Starbase
- Sept. 13 4:00 CC @ Bennington
- Sept. 13 4:30 MS VB @ Marion
- Sept. 13 6:00 MS FB @ Marion
- Sept. 14 NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service Day
- Sept. 14 7:00 HS FB @ Moundridge
- Sept. 15 KSU Band Day
- Sept. 15 TBA HS VB Tourney @ Tescott
- Sept. 15 Citizenship Day
- Sept. 17 9:15-2:45 Starbase
- Sept. 17 6:00 HS JV FB Moundridge @ ES
- Sept. 17 6:30 CPTA Meeting at ESEL
- Sept. 18 4:00 HS VB @ ES
- Sept. 18 4:30 CC @ Southeast of Saline
- Sept. 18 4:30 MS VB @ Bennington
- Sept. 18 6:00 MS FB @ Bennington
- Sept. 19 FFA Greenhand Conference
- Sept. 19 FFA/Farm Bureau Ag Awareness Day
- Sept. 19 4:15-8:15 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Sept. 20 NO SCHOOL—P/T Conf.
- Sept. 20 7:00-7:30 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Sept. 20 TBA Bethania
- Sept. 21 NO SCHOOL
- Sept. 21 ACT Test Registration Deadline
- Sept. 21 7:00 HS FB @ Sedgwick
- Sept. 24 6:00 HS JV FB Sedgwick @ ES
- Sept. 25 4:00 HS VB @ Inman
- Sept. 25 4:00 CC @ Lyons
- Sept. 26 FFA @ Mankato
- Sept. 26 10:30 HOA Leadership @ HCC
- Sept. 27 9:15-2:45 Starbase
- Sept. 27 4:30 MS VB Moundridge @ ES
- Sept. 27 6:00 MS FB Moundridge @ ES
- Sept. 28 7:00 HS FB Plainville @ ES (Homecoming)
- Sept. 28 Homecoming Dance (following the game until 11:30 pm)
- Sept. 29 TBA HS JV VB @ Inman

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Greetings and Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year at Ell-Saline USD 307. Another summer has come to a close and a new school year has opened up. This year we had a full five-day week to begin the year but, other than some tired students and staff by the time Friday got here, the year has started very smoothly in each building.

Every year brings new beginnings with the accompanying excitement and apprehension. The excitement stems from: beginning an All-Day Kindergarten program; knowing that the staff has attended workshops and classes over the summer to improve instruction; having students and staff around again; the buses being all shined up after a year of road grime; new students and families to our district with us; and the new staff sharing their prior experiences or fresh out of college ideas. The apprehension stems from: beginning an All-Day Kindergarten program; have all of the materials/supplies that were ordered come in; do we have enough desks for everyone; do we have everyone on a bus route that is supposed to be; is the air conditioning working; with all of the increased traffic on the roads is everyone being extra careful; how are our new staff and students adapting and are we helping them to feel welcome. Sadly, as the year goes by we normally get caught up in the daily routines and we tend to lose the "excitement" that comes with the beginning of the year. On the other hand, we normally discover that our apprehensions were all taken care of and that it has been another good beginning of a new school year. This year again has been no different. We appear to be off to a GREAT start!

Our student enrollment looks like it is going to be very close to what it was last year but only the number of students with us on September 20 will count toward state funding. At last count we are up by two students over last year. As has been the case for the last few years, one of the pieces of information that I think tells a great deal about the education our students receive, and the reputation that Ell-Saline USD 307 has, is in the large number of out-of-district students that choose to attend with us. At the August board meeting, 31 new out-of-district students were approved and many more potential elementary students were not even brought to the board for approval because our class sizes are already at capacity. We could have opened a third section of All-Day Kindergarten with the number of potential students that we had to turn away. This number of new out-of-district students has remained very consistent for the past several years. Overall, just over 43% of our students are from out-of-district. Word appears to continue to get out about the many good things we do here for students.

Again this year we have a few new staff members that will help us to do even better. District wide we have 11 teachers, administrators, sponsors and classified staff members new to the district this year. New at the elementary school are: Cary Wilson, Counselor/At-Risk Reading; Ariana Stavropoulos, Kindergarten; Jan Schmutz, Full-Time Title I Para; Katie Swank, Part-Time Title I Para; and Spencer Parker, Part-Time Custodian. New at the MS/HS are: Susan Wildeman, Principal; Brent Orme, Social Science teacher/Spanish monitor, Head MS Football, Head MS Boys' Basketball and Asst. MS Track Coach; Emeryld Wills, Full-Time Title Para; Jeff Vogt, Asst. HS Girls' basketball Coach; Tom Omli, Asst. HS Football Coach; and Amenda Huse, Special Education Para. We welcome each of these individuals and look forward to many good years of working together.

A challenge every year is in building a budget that provides us with the resources necessary to continue to provide the opportunities that help our students be successful. We also balance that with being mindful of not placing too much additional tax burden on our patrons. Again this year I feel that we have been able to meet both of those criteria. Last spring the legislature passed a \$58 increase in the Base State Aid Per Pupil (BSAPP), we anticipated an increase in both the number of students enrolled and in the number of students qualifying for Free Lunches, and we again get to use the New Facilities Weighting for the new areas that we first occupied last year. Each of those will result in additional funding from the state. Our district valuation went up slightly (\$55,000) which also results in additional funding but from our patrons. As a result of the accumulation of each of those just mentioned pieces of the budget, the mill levy for this year's budget remains EXACTLY THE SAME as it was last year. In the budget that was adopted on August 13, there is no mill levy increase this year. We are appreciative of the support our patrons continue to give us and we strive to be good stewards of your tax dollars.

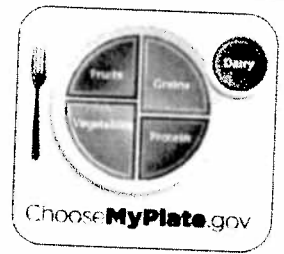
Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the Ell-Saline USD 307 school district. You can be assured that your children are receiving a quality education. Please call or stop in so we can visit about the good things going on in your district.

10 tips

Nutrition Education Series

be a healthy role model for children

10 tips for setting good examples

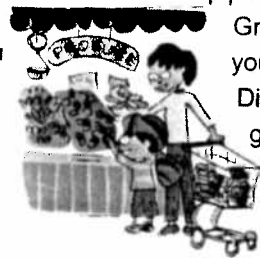


You are the most important influence on your child. You can do many things to help your children develop healthy eating habits for life. Offering a variety of foods helps children get the nutrients they need from every food group. They will also be more likely to try new foods and to like more foods. When children develop a taste for many types of foods, it's easier to plan family meals. Cook together, eat together, talk together, and make mealtime a family time!

1 show by example

Eat vegetables, fruits, and whole grains with meals or as snacks. Let your child see that you like to munch on raw vegetables.

2 go food shopping together



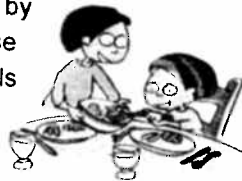
Grocery shopping can teach your child about food and nutrition. Discuss where vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy, and protein foods come from. Let your children make healthy choices.

3 get creative in the kitchen

Cut food into fun and easy shapes with cookie cutters. Name a food your child helps make. Serve "Janie's Salad" or "Jackie's Sweet Potatoes" for dinner. Encourage your child to invent new snacks. Make your own trail mixes from dry whole-grain, low-sugar cereal and dried fruit.

4 offer the same foods for everyone

Stop being a "short-order cook" by making different dishes to please children. It's easier to plan family meals when everyone eats the same foods.



5 reward with attention, not food

Show your love with hugs and kisses. Comfort with hugs and talks. Choose not to offer sweets as rewards. It lets your child think sweets or dessert foods are better than other foods. When meals are not eaten, kids do not need "extras"—such as candy or cookies—as replacement foods.

6 focus on each other at the table

Talk about fun and happy things at mealtime. Turn off the television. Take phone calls later. Try to make eating meals a stress-free time.



7 listen to your child

If your child says he or she is hungry, offer a small, healthy snack—even if it is not a scheduled time to eat. Offer choices. Ask "Which would you like for dinner: broccoli or cauliflower?" instead of "Do you want broccoli for dinner?"

8 limit screen time

Allow no more than 2 hours a day of screen time like TV and computer games. Get up and move during commercials to get some physical activity.

9 encourage physical activity

Make physical activity fun for the whole family. Involve your children in the planning. Walk, run, and play with your child—instead of sitting on the sidelines. Set an example by being physically active and using safety gear, like bike helmets.



10 be a good food role model

Try new foods yourself. Describe its taste, texture, and smell. Offer one new food at a time. Serve something your child likes along with the new food. Offer new foods at the beginning of a meal, when your child is very hungry. Avoid lecturing or forcing your child to eat.