

APRIL 13 BOARD MEETING REPORT

John Fouard and Marty Kramer were absent. Action taken was on a 5-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

Brent Orme thanked the board for the opportunity to teach and coach in Ell-Saline this year.

REPORTS

BOE – Jamie Bradley reminded everyone of the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser that will be held on May 4 and that “Save the Date” cards have been mailed.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: activities being conducted in preparation of and incentives for students as they take the state assessments; teachers continuing to work on the Math Curriculum Maps and gathering resources for Common Core instruction during their half-day work sessions; the Schoolwide Leadership Team meeting to review and propose changes to the Behavior Expectation Plan and the Team will meet in the next few weeks to review homework and grading policies; next year we will begin gathering information and planning for an At-Risk Preschool Program and then implementing it during the 2014-2015 school year; teachers can volunteer to help with a data gathering project by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt that is working on developing new assessment tools; and reviewed some activities that the students will be involved in.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: the Character Education/Anti-Bullying seminar at Southeast of Saline on February 28 was a positive experience; she and Officer Trembley attended a Safe Schools Training; state assessments have begun; and a list of activities through the end of March.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: the district’s new web page design; the district now has a Twitter account (@EllSaline); the Preliminary Engineering Audit has been completed and the findings will be presented at the April board meeting; the General Election is coming up on April 2; training for the board on the new McRel Superintendent Evaluation Instrument will be on Monday, April 8, at 4:30; reviewed the status of proposed legislation that will impact K-12 education; interviews for the SRO position next year have taken place and Jerry Hammonds was selected for the position; read one Thank You note; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Common Core Information—Information on the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) for Growth was presented as an information item only.

Resolution of Intent to Non-Renew—The resolution of intent to non-renew next year the contract of Mr. Orme was adopted.

Fall Sport Supplemental Positions—All coaches of fall sports this year were approved for next year with the exception of the three MS Football Coaches.

Supplemental Positions—Doug Wilson was approved as a 2nd Assistant HS Track Coach and John Johnson was approved as a 3rd Assistant MS Track Coach.

Student Out-of-State Travel—Pending securing the required number of sponsors, the Senior Trip to Texas was approved.

Elementary School Behavior Expectation Plan—The proposed changes to the Behavior Expectation Plan were approved.

Motion to Republish the Budget—The findings of the KSDE audit were that we are entitled to an additional \$54,499 in General Fund Budget. These additional dollars come from the State and do not create an increase in our local taxes or at an increased cost to our patrons in any way. The board approved republishing the budget to gain the authority for the additional money and set the Budget Hearing at 6:55 p.m. on Monday, April 8.

There were two Executive Sessions (Negotiations, Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Brookville with the Budget Hearing being at 6:55 just prior to the regular meeting. 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

Bullying Prevention Committee



Our Bullying Prevention Committee has an opening for a parent representative. The term would start immediately and run through the 2013/2014 school year. This committee meets monthly and works to implement character education and bullying prevention policies at the MS/HS.

It is a committee made up of parents, staff and students and is a great way to be involved at the MS/HS. If you have an interest in serving on this committee please contact Susan Wildeman at the MS/HS.



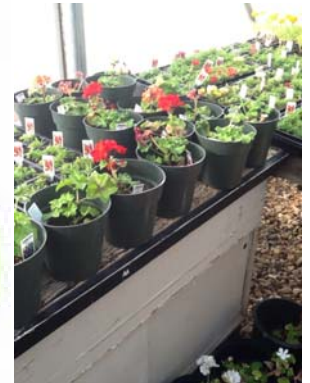
**Ell-Saline Elementary CPTA
9th Annual Youth Track Meet
Saturday, April 27th
Registration Begins: 8:30a.m.
9:00a.m.–3:00p.m.**



Join the fun at Ell-Saline High School in Brookville. Events include: long jump, softball throw, shot put, discus, javelin throw and many running events. Details and forms can be found online at www.ellsaline.org, under our "Current Highlights".



We need lots of volunteers to make it a great day for our athletes. Please consider volunteering for one of the many areas we need help with. Middle and high school students are welcomed to help.



Starting **April 1st** the Ell-Saline Greenhouse will be selling plants after school **until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday**. If you are not able to attend, please call the school to set up an appointment. The following plants are available for sale:

- Petunias \$2.00 4-pack
- Coleus \$2.00 4-pack
- Asparagus Ferns \$1.00 ea.
- Aloe Vera \$3.00 ea.
- Tomatoes \$1.00 4-pack



- Geraniums \$2.00 ea.
- Marigolds \$2.00 4-pack
- Rose Moss \$2.00 4-pack
- Egg Plant \$1.00 4-pack
- Peppers \$1.00 4-pack

Mother-in-Law Tongue \$5.00 ea.

The money goes to helping the greenhouse buy supplies, helps the facilities, and helps students learn about running a business.

Check it Out!

Our web page has a new look. If you haven't checked it out, please do so at www.ellsaline.org.



In our continuing effort to improve communication with students, parents, staff and patrons we have set up a Twitter account for Ell-Saline. The account name is **@EllSaline**. We see it as another tool to use in getting out timely information such as weather related school closing, ball game updates, music program reminders, etc. To publicize that we now have an account there will be a SchoolMessenger call sent and it will be in Mrs. Sprinkle's elementary school newsletter.



MONTHLY PARENT LEARNING TIPS #8 USE COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO SUPPORT LITERACY

Taken from RMC Research Corporation



There are many ways that the community can help support your child's learning. Here are some ideas to investigate.

- Visit your local library. Find out what resources are available for you to take home and use with your child. Get a library card for yourself and one for your child so that you can take these resources home.
- Visit your local museums. There are many types such as natural history, art, zoos, and science. These museums often have wonderfully interactive activities to inspire and motivate children to learn.
- Check the newspapers, listen to the radio, or watch television for announcements about local educational events, exhibits, and community resource fairs.
- If possible, attend field trips with your children. Volunteer to serve as a chaperone for classes.
- Check the newspaper for listings of television programs that provide learning opportunities.
- Obtain a list of community resources that are available to support you in helping your child to succeed in school.
- Frequent businesses that support schools by contributing a portion of their profits to schools.
- If you work outside the home, encourage your employer to allow a certain number of hours a month to attend parent teacher conferences, school performances, or to volunteer at the school.

Heart of America All-League Team



BOYS
Honorable
mention

GIRLS
First Team

Darriane Wikoff



Second Team

Aubrey Wilson

Toby Omli

Kaleb Whitehair



**Honorable
mention**

Brittany Clancy



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

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| Apr 1 | NO SCHOOL —Easter Break | Apr 22 | 4:00 HS JV TR @ Tescott |
| Apr 1 | 8:00 HS HOA League Forensics @ Sedgwick | Apr 23 | 8:30-3:30 3rd Gr. Cosmosphere @ Hutchinson |
| Apr 2 | 3:00 SB/BSB Inman @ ES | Apr 23 | 9:30 MS TR @ Beloit |
| Apr 2 | 3:30 MS HOA League Scholars' Bowl @ Bennington | Apr 23 | 8:30-3:30 Cosmosphere @ Hutchinson |
| Apr 3 | FFA @ Hutchinson | Apr 23 | 4:30 SB/BSB @ Marion |
| Apr 3 | 9:00 HS HOA League Art @ ES | Apr 24 | Kindergarten Roundup— No Kdg classes |
| Apr 4 | 4:00 MS TR @ Inman | Apr 24 | FFA @ Manhattan |
| Apr 5 | 3:30 HS TR @ Bennington | Apr 24 | Administrative Professionals Day |
| Apr 6 | TBA HS Music Regional for Solos & Sm Ensembles @ Tabor College | Apr 25 | 6:30 ES FFA Banquet |
| Apr 6 | HS State Science Olympiad @ Wichita | Apr 26 | MS/HS Industrial Arts @ Hays |
| Apr 8 | 6:30 NCD FFA Banquet @ Washington | Apr 26 | 8:55-1:45 2nd Gr. Rolling Hills Wildlife @ Salina |
| Apr 8 | 7:00 BOE Mtg. @ ESDO | Apr 26 | 10:00 HS TR @ Beloit |
| Apr 10 | FFA @ Manhattan | Apr 26 | 3:00 SB/BSB Bennington @ ES |
| Apr 11 | 4:00 MS TR @ Solomon | Apr 27 | 9:00-3:00 CPTA Track @ ESHS |
| Apr 11 | 4:30 SB @ Sacred Heart | Apr 27 | TBA HS Music State |
| Apr 12 | Band @ Breckinridge, CO | Apr 29 | 8:45-4:15 5th Gr. @ Topeka |
| Apr 12 | 3:00 SB/BSB Moundridge @ ES | Apr 29 | 8:45-10:30 6th Gr. Dillion's @ Salina |
| Apr 12 | 3:00 HS TR @ Ellsworth | Apr 29 | 7:00 3-4 Vocal Program @ ESEL |
| Apr 13 | ACT Test Date | Apr 30 | 9:00 MS TR @ Beloit |
| Apr 13 | Band @ Breckinridge, CO | Apr 30 | 3:00 HS TR @ Tescott |
| Apr 14 | Band @ Breckinridge, CO | Apr 30 | SB/BSB @ Sedgwick |
| Apr 15 | 6:30 CPTA Mtg. @ ESEL | May 1 | 9:00 HS HOA League Industrial Arts/Ag. @ Marion |
| Apr 15 | 7:00 5-12 Instrumental/7-12 Vocal Concert @ MS/HS | May 1 | 11:15-3:30 Gr. 5-6 Reading Celebration |
| Apr 16 | 3:00 HS TR @ Russell | May 1 | 6:00 ESIC Mtg. |
| Apr 16 | 4:00 SB @ Trinity Catholic | May 1 | MS/HS Site Council Mtg. |
| Apr 16 | 4:30 BSB @ Little River | May 2 | Sr. Class Semester Finals |
| Apr 17 | 9:00 Art @ Hays | May 2 | 4:30 SB @ Lincoln |
| Apr 17 | State Large Group Music @ Concordia | May 2 | 6:00 Senior Trip Parent Mtg. |
| Apr 18 | 4:00 MS TR @ ES | May 3 | ACT Test Registration Deadline |
| Apr 19 | NO SCHOOL —In-Service Day | May 3 | Sr. Class Semester Finals |
| Apr 19 | 3:00 HS TR @ Lincoln | May 3 | 3:00 HS TR @ Lindsborg |
| Apr 20 | Junior/Senior Prom | May 3 | 3:00 BSB Ellsworth @ ES |
| | | May 4 | Senior Trip to Texas |

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

As I sit here at the close of Spring Break I don't know if March is going to go out like a lamb or like a lion but I do know that during the middle we had some snow that covered us like a nesting hen sitting on her eggs! How refreshing the moisture of this month has been! And there is more snow beginning to fall as I sit here finishing this article. Now the wheat fields and yards are really starting to green up and everyday more flowers are bringing color to the world. Spring seems to definitely be upon us.

Spring time in school buildings is one of the most rewarding times of the school year. This year is already proving to be no different. Now is when the culmination of one year's, or several years', worth of effort and accomplishment is recognized. Although neither of our HS basketball teams qualified for the state tournament they definitely represented themselves and our school in a very positive manner. Our middle school recently competed in the Heart of America League music festival where their hard work this year was rewarded by earning many ratings of "I" and "II". The MS Quiz Bowl teams have competed very well in the contests that they have participated in. The National Honor Society held their banquet on March 13 with the induction of 10 new members and the recognition of the 12 current senior members. The HS students performed a very entertaining play titled *Law And Order, Fairy Tale Unit*. Our K-2 students performed a lively concert in front of a full house. As the seniors look forward to next year and pursuing their goals, various scholarships have been announced, with more to come that will help them in their endeavors. Although it is stressful, now is also the time when our students take the Kansas State Assessment tests that give us information on progress they have made over the year and helps us make decisions for the future. From the preliminary results of the assessments taken so far, even though we are stressing the teaching of Common Core Standards rather than the NCLB standards that the assessments are based on, our students are again doing a GREAT job!

Spring time in school district offices is normally one of the most anxious times of the school year. This year is no different. State funding is extremely critical to school districts since the vast majority of our budget comes from the state. Therefore, it is extremely critical that the state continue to have the resources to fund schools at least at the current level. The current level of \$3,838 per pupil is well below the \$4,492 per pupil that is currently required by law. There are bills in both the House and the Senate to reduce or eliminate income taxes, reduce the state sales tax, and to reclassify certain machinery and equipment so that there would either be no tax paid or a very small percentage of what is currently paid. If any or all of these become reality, with the projected loss of revenue, the state will have a larger deficit balance than it has had the past few years. That would most likely translate into further cuts in all services that are funded by the state. For school districts or any other local governmental agency to make up for that loss of funding, the alternative is that they raise property taxes. Property tax is one of the most disequalizing taxes there is since there is such a wide range of school district valuations across the state. As an example, 1 mill of our roughly \$20,000,000 Assessed Valuation (AV) raises only \$20,000 whereas 1 mill of Twin Valley's roughly \$30,000,000 AV raises \$30,000. There are many districts with Assessed Valuation that is several times higher than that of either Twin Valley or us. Therefore, districts with a higher Assessed Valuation are able to provide more for their students while yet asking less of their patrons. I encourage you to contact your Senator and Representatives and encourage them to not take away these sources of state revenue that are needed to fund all of the social programs that are important to each of us.

As the legislature continues to work out a plan not only for next year but also for many years into the future it remains important for all of us to monitor how any plan might negatively impact us and contact our legislators to let them know our concerns. For your convenience, contact information for our area legislators is again listed at the end of this article. If you would like more specific information on how any new proposals might impact us, please let me know and I'll get it to you. For the future of our district, it continues to be important for our voices to be heard.

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.

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Ell-Saline Elementary is making plans for the kindergarten class of 2013-2014 school year. Names of the children who will be attending are needed. Kansas State Law requires that children be five years old on or before August 31 of the year they enter kindergarten.

Parents and the children who will be attending kindergarten next year will be invited to attend Kindergarten Roundup held on April 24, 2013 at Ell-Saline Elementary.

If you know of anyone who qualifies, PLEASE complete this form and return it. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please return by April 1, 2013

**2013 - 2014
Ell-Saline Elementary
Kindergarten**

Child's Name _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent's Name _____ Telephone _____

Boy _____ Girl _____