



SEPTEMBER 10 BOARD MEETING

Cheryl Higgins, Jamie Bradley and Marty Kramer were all absent. Action taken was on a 4-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

Nobody addressed the board.

REPORTS

BOE – Geena Kejr reported that she and Joe would be attending the County Commission meeting on Tuesday to discuss the closed bridge on Stimmel Road west of Hedville Road.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: new staff members; classroom visits; September 14 In-Service Day activities; DRA has been completed; MAP assessments will be completed next Monday; the annual Book Fair; and CAPS presentations.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: enrollment and athletic participation numbers; September 14 In-Service Day activities; proposed band trip to Colorado this spring; the state fair trip; 7 students have qualified to take the Dane Hanson Scholarship test; 7 students were accepted into the Community Ambassadors program; and sport activities.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: district enrollment numbers; irrigation wells; softball field being seeded; upcoming KASB Regional Meetings; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Student Out-of-State Travel—The FFA's request to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN and the band's request to travel to Breckenridge, CO were approved.

Approve New Hires—The following individuals were approved: Spencer Parker as part-time custodian at the elementary school; and Maria Tolliver and Erika Ochoa as translators at the elementary school.

Approve Supplemental Position—John Johnson was approved as the HS Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach.

Football Uniform Fundraiser Request—The players efforts resulted in \$2,635 being raised to purchase new uniforms. Since this did not cover the cost of the uniforms, the amount was turned over to the school to be used in purchasing uniforms when the football uniforms come up in rotation next year.

Energy Audit—It was the consensus of the board to proceed with conducting an energy audit of the district's facilities. There is no cost for this first phase of the audit.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 8 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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES

At halftime of the football game on Friday, August 31, 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 receive a USD 307 staff shirt and the returning staff members receive a gift certificate to Gutierrez'.

Board members in attendance to help with the presentation were: President Jeff Parker; Vice-President Geena Kejr; Jamie Bradley; John Fouard; Cheryl Higgins; and Marty Kramer.

New staff members recognized were: Tom Omli, Assistant HS Football coach; Brent Orme, Social Studies teacher/Spanish monitor and Head MS Football, Boys' Basketball and Asst. Track coach; Jan Schmutz, Elementary School Title Reading teaching assistant; Ariana Stavropoulos, Kindergarten teacher; Katie Swank, Elementary School Title Math teaching assistant; Jeff Vogt, Asst. HS Girls' Basketball coach; Susan Wildeman, MS/HS principal; Emeryld Wills, MS/HS Title Math/Reading teaching assistant; and Cary Wilson, Elementary School counselor and Reading teacher.

Returning staff members recognized were: 5-year – Amy Brandt, elementary music teacher; Jeremy Diehl, bus driver; Larry Laas, MS/HS counselor; John Ludes, HS Asst. Football coach; and Doug Wilson, MS English and Physical Education teacher and Asst. HS Volleyball, Head HS Boys' Basketball and Assistant HS Track coach: 10-year – Brenda Bockenstette, District Office Secretary; Erin Marshall, Art teacher and Head MS Volleyball, Girls' Basketball and Track coach: 15-year – Susan Black, bus driver; Karen Hudson, MS/HS cook; Cindy Jensen, bus driver; Brenda Johnson, MS/HS Secretary; Susan Reiff, Elementary School cook; and Lee Weis, Vocational Agriculture teacher: 20-year – Debbie Smith, bus driver; and 33-years – Mary Ellen Muninger, 4th Grade teacher; and Donna Trowbridge, 1st Grade teacher.

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 – Spencer Parker, Marty Kramer, Brent Orme, Jan Schmutz, Katie Swank, Jamie Bradley, Cary Wilson, Erin Marshall, Larry Laas, Ariana Stavropoulos, Jeff Vogt, Susan Black, Doug Wilson, Brenda Johnson, Karen Hudson, Merle Walker, Cindy Jensen, John Fouard, Susan Wildeman, Geena Kejr, Susan Reiff, Debbie Smith, Lee Weis

MONTHLY PARENT LEARNING TIPS #1 CREATE A GOOD ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDY

Taken from RMC Research Corporation

One of the best ways that parents can show their children that education is important is to create a more “school like” family. What does this mean?

Find a place for your child to study

The most important ways that you can help develop good study habits is to find a good place for your child to study. It is helpful to choose a place that has good light and is quiet, with a desk or table for writing. If you don't have the space for a desk or table just for study, a kitchen or dining room table will work just fine.

Turn off the telephone and television

Many families believe that they owe their child's success in school to turning off the television and phone for at least one hour each day. This can be done either after school or in the evening. Families who do this every day report an increase in their child's grades and attitude about school. During this quiet time, children (and adults if possible) should either complete homework or read.

Be a good role model

It is so important to be a good role model for your child. Children often copy your words and actions. Let your child see you reading – even if it's the newspaper or a magazine. It doesn't matter whether you read in English or in another language. It's not easy to find the time in your busy day but even a few minutes will show your child how important reading really is. Also make sure your child sees you making grocery lists, figuring out costs of products, and

paying bills. This shows them how they can use what they are learning in school in their everyday life.

Talk about what you and your child have read

Tell your child what you have been reading. Encourage him or her to ask you questions about your reading. Ask your child questions about their reading, as well. Have them describe the characters, the setting for the story, and ask them what they liked best about what they are reading or if there were any surprises. Ask if they would like you to read a chapter to them. Also encourage them to read to you.

“CHANGE FOR CHANGE”



Friends of Rachel will again be sponsoring “CHANGE FOR CHANGE” at this year's football and basketball games. No donation is too big or too small. All money will go directly into the FOR treasury. Bring your spare change and help us help others.

Thank you, in advance, for your help and support!

Friends of Rachel is giving back – half actually! On alternating home football/basketball game nights (opposite of “CHANGE FOR CHANGE.”) A 50/50 RAFFLE will be held.



Suggested donation: 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

Come join the fun!

FOR will be a winner and you might be one too!

ITEMS FOR SALE



We still have some computers/keyboards/mice at each building for sale. \$10 a set. There are no monitors. Contact Brian Bell at 785-819-1580 if interested.

BONDI BANDS ON SALE NOW!

The newly formed high school student business group called “Business Professionals of America” sponsored by Mrs. Ashley Hanson and “Friends of Rachel” are working together to bring the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Cardinals a new piece of apparel to wear on game nights! Bondi Bands are wide head bands – see above photo! Our Bondi Bands are \$10.00 each and come in red or black with a white printed slogan: ● CARDINALS ● “Our better is better than your best!”

Buy yours to wear beginning September 28 at the home football game!



HEADS UP, CARDINALS, HEADS UP!

STAFF/STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The September Staff Member of the Month is Janis Holmes. She has taught social studies and science for over twenty years. Over the years she has coached volleyball, basketball, and softball. Mrs. Holmes is also the 8th grade sponsor and the School Improvement chair. Her hobbies include golfing, traveling, listening to music, drawing, and spending time with her family. Mrs. Holmes looks forward to retirement so that she can travel with her husband.



The September High School Student of the Month is Junior Mike Pieschl. He is the son of Tony and Pat Pieschl and the brother of Jordan Pieschl. Mike is the junior class president and the FFA chapter president. He is also involved in PALS, Science Olympiad, STUCO, and NHS. Outside of school, Mike is part of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mike's hobbies include metal fabrication, woodworking, and playing guitar. In the future, Mike plans to attend K-State for mechanical engineering.



The September Middle School Student of the Month is 8th Grader, Milah Linenberger. She is the daughter of Jim and Valerie Linenberger and the sister of Morgan and Dayton. Milah is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, and cheerleading. She enjoys dancing and playing volleyball. In the future, Milah plans to either become a Radio City Rockette or an orthodontist.



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.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Welcome to autumn from Ell-Saline USD 307. After our extremely dry summer the rains of the last month have been welcome and encouraging. There was not enough to save some of the soybeans and sorghum but it will help in preparing the ground for wheat planting. With the daylight hours becoming fewer, there is a definite coolness in the air as evening approaches and we see the beginning stages of color changes in the tree leaves and in some of the crops. Yes, autumn is such a beautiful, picturesque time of year!

It is hard to imagine that by the time this reaches you September will be almost behind us 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 this year. Overall it has been one of the most positive beginnings to a year that I have been a part of for quite a while. The atmosphere in the buildings is one of calm and order and the staff and students are working hard. Our students have taken the MAP assessment, DRA assessment, attended STARBASE, had a Book Fair, attended the state fair, played volleyball and football games, participated in FFA activities, and 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 and assessments. It is a busy, productive start to the school year.

As a district we are only as strong as all parts working together are. Last week there was another great opportunity for this to happen. That opportunity was in taking part in Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was again refreshing to see the 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.

Again last year the joint effort among the staff, students and parents points out the strength of our academic programs as both our elementary school and middle/high school continued to do very well as we strive to meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goal of 100% of our students scoring at Meets Standards or above in 2014. Our Elementary School and Middle/High School as a building, as well as practically every grade level, did MEET THE STANDARD on the state reading and math assessments. Other grades and subject areas in which the standard was met are: the 4th Grade in Science; the 6th Grade in Social Studies; and the 12th grade in History/Government. In addition to the accomplishments on the state assessments, our high school students that took the ACT exam had a Composite Score **ABOVE** the state average. All of this helps illustrate not only the strength of our faculty and curriculum in grades K-12 but also the importance that you as parents place on the education of your children by encouraging and helping them with their studies. We appreciate all that you do to help in our students' achievements.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

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| <p>Oct. 1 6:00 HS JV FB Inman @ ES
 Oct. 1 6:00 ESIC Meeting
 Oct. 2 4:00 HS VB @ ES
 Oct. 2 4:30 HS CC @ Ellsworth
 Oct. 3 Elementary Fall Pictures
 Oct. 3 Elementary Body Venture Visit
 Oct. 3 MS/HS Fall Picture Retakes
 Oct. 3 6:00 MS/HS Site Council Meeting
 Oct. 4 FFA @ Washington
 Oct. 4 4:00 HS CC @ Sterling
 Oct. 4 4:30 MS VB @ Remington
 Oct. 4 6:00 MS FB @ Remington
 Oct. 4 7:00 HS HOA Vocal Honors @ Remington
 Oct. 5 7:00 HS FB @ Smith Center
 Oct. 6 TBA HS JV VB @ Sylvan Grove
 Oct. 6 3:30-7:00 CPTA Carnival @ ESEL
 Oct. 8 5:00 HS JV VB Tourney @ Sacred Heart
 Oct. 8 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office
 Oct. 8 Columbus Day—Observed
 Oct. 9 4:00 HS VB @ ES
 Oct. 10 FFA @ Abilene
 Oct. 10 6:30 KU Honors Banquet @ Salina Country Club
 Oct. 11 4:30 MS VB Sedgwick @ ES
 Oct. 11 4:30 HS CC HOA League Meet @ Bennington
 Oct. 11 6:00 MS FB Sedgwick @ ES (8th Gr. Parent Night)
 Oct. 12 7:00 HS FB Republic Co. @ ES (Marching Band Show)
 Oct. 12 Columbus Day</p> | <p>Oct. 13 9:00 MS "B" VB Tourney @ Minneapolis
 Oct. 13 9:00 HS VB HOA League Tourney @ Canton-Galva
 Oct. 15 6:00 HS JV VB @ Bennington
 Oct. 15 6:00 HS JV FB @ Republic Co.
 Oct. 15 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary
 Oct. 16 3:00 MS VB HOA League Tourney @ Remington
 Oct. 16 5:00 HS VB @ Minneapolis (Quad)
 Oct. 16 National Boss's Day
 Oct. 18 End of Quarter
 Oct. 19 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday 8:00-12:00
 Oct. 19 7:00 HS FB @ Washington Co.
 Oct. 20 ACT Test Date
 Oct. 20 TBA CC Regional
 Oct. 20 TBA HS VB Sub-State
 Oct. 23 6:30-8:00 CPTA Sock Hop at Ell-Saline Elementary
 Oct. 24-26 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis
 Oct. 25 7:00 HS FB Bennington @ ES (Senior Parent Night)
 Oct. 26-27 TBA HS VB State
 Oct. 27 TBA CC State
 Oct. 31 8:30 EL Halloween Parade/Parties
 Oct. 31 Halloween
 Nov. 1 All Saints Day
 Nov. 2 ACT Test Registration Deadline
 Nov. 2 TBA HS FB Regionals
 Nov. 3 HS KMEA Auditions</p> |
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FFA ALUMNI TRAP SHOOT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012
1:00 @ C & W RANCH
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
JASON KERN—785-820-6573

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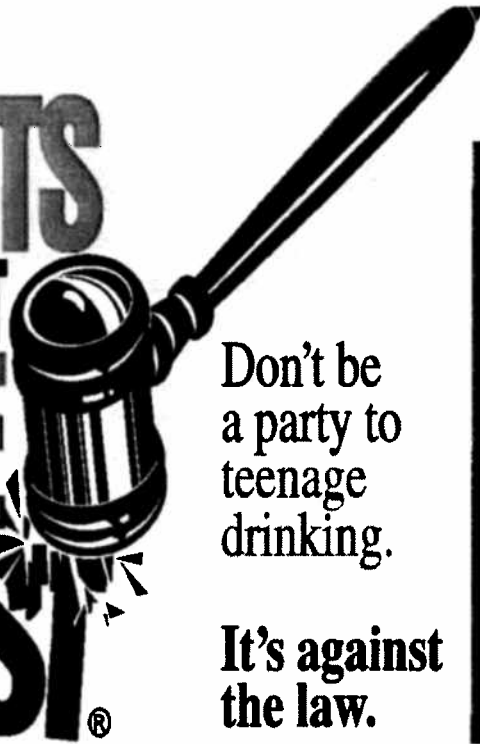
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**PARENTS
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**Don't be
a party to
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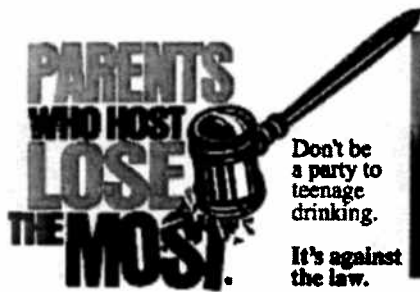
**It's against
the law.**

This program is designed to educate parents about the risks associated with underage drinking and the legal consequences of allowing youth to consume alcohol. Parents Who Host Lose the Most encourages parents and allows the entire community to send a unified message that teen alcohol consumption is unhealthy, unsafe, and **UNACCEPTABLE.**

Here are a few community based strategies we will be implementing in the Salina area:

- **Work with our High schools to deliver information to parents**
- **Host a Parent youth interview**
- **Host a retailer training so clerks can understand and help enforce underage drinking laws**
- **Work with local restaurants and hotels to post information stating hosting underage drinking parties is UNACCEPTABLE**
- **Work with local business to deliver fact sheets inside paycheck stub envelopes**
- **Co-sign letters with local law enforcement to parents of high school juniors and seniors.**

It is illegal for anyone to provide alcohol to kids under the age of 21. Know the laws. Know the facts. For more information on how to talk to your kids about the dangers and risks of alcohol and substance abuse, contact the Regional Prevention Center or IMPACT Coalition at Central Kansas Foundation. 785-825-6224



PARENTS: KNOW THE FACTS

Parents play a major role in their children's choices about alcohol. Data shows that 74% of youth said their parents are the leading influence on their decisions about drinking alcohol. A survey of parents and teens by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University found one-third of teen partygoers have been to parties where teens were drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, or using cocaine, ecstasy or prescription drugs while a parent was present. By age 17, nearly half of teens have been at such parties where parents were present.

Drug Free Action Alliance has developed *Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking* to provide you with information about the health risks associated with underage drinking and the legal consequences of providing alcohol to youth.

As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to teens under the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with other parent's permission. You also cannot allow a person under 21 to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol. There are legal consequences if you do. According to Kansas law, you can be prosecuted and face fines of \$1,000.00, court costs, attorney fees, supervised probation, and community service.

Simply taking away the car keys does not solve all of the problems related to underage drinking. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, six or more youth under 21 die each day due to non-driving alcohol-related causes, such as homicide, suicide and drowning.

You can protect your children by following these guidelines when hosting teen parties:

- Host safe, alcohol-free activities and events for youth
- Refuse to supply alcohol to children or allow drinking in your home or on your property
- Be at home when your teenager has a party
- Make sure your teenager's friends do not bring alcohol into your home
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at youth events
- Report underage drinking

Follow these guidelines when allowing your teen to attend another student's party:

- Call the parent in charge to verify the occasion and location of the party and ensure there will be adult supervision
- Make certain that the host will not be serving or allowing alcohol
- If the activity seems inappropriate, express concern and keep your child home

It is illegal to host underage drinking parties or allow teen drinking in your home. It is unhealthy for anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol. It is unsafe and illegal for anyone to drink and drive. Our youth deserve to live and grow to adulthood in an environment where alcohol is not misused. Let's be unified in our message, and host alcohol-free parties with fun and healthy activities to show our youth that we care about their future.

For more information on *Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking*, contact Misty Lewis at Central Kansas Foundation. 785-825-6224 or mlewis@ck-f.org