

**Ell Saline Unified School District 307  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Ell-Saline MSHS Library  
January 12, 2026  
6:30 PM**

**6:30 p.m. Call to Order**

The regular Board of Education meeting was held at the Ell-Saline MSHS Library on Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Heather Hardesty – President, J.D. Garber -Vice-President, Rebecca Kejr, Mindy Tillberg, John Fouard, Dave Hiechel, and Marty Kramer

Board members absent:

Administrator and Board personnel present: Brian Rowley, Chris McClure, Darla Raile, Cher Richards, and Jennifer Johnson

Audience Present – Mary Pat Weese, Jim Weese, Jonas & Erin Hecker, Brin Hecker, Callee Bradley, Scott Merritt, Alicia Retter, Trace & Audra Ayers, Danielle Jeffrey, Rose & Jim Wittman, Erin Underwood, and Margaret Shaver

**6:32 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to go into executive session under the exceptions relating to Non-elected personnel and student issues under KOMA for 45 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, Mr. McClure, Mendee Fuller, and Erin Hecker into Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

**7:21 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to go into executive session under the exceptions relating to Non-elected personnel and student issues under KOMA for 30 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, Mr. McClure, Mendee Fuller, and Erin Hecker into Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0. Mendee Fuller in at 7:22 p.m. and out at 7:40 p.m.

**7:51 p.m. Executive Session**

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Marty Kramer to go into executive session under the exceptions relating to Non-elected personnel and student issues under KOMA for 50 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, Mr. McClure, Mendee Fuller, and Erin Hecker into Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0. Erin Hecker in at 7:51 and out at 8:31 p.m.

**8:42 p.m. Open Session**

**Approval/Modification of the Agenda- Action**

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Marty Kramer to add F. Certified Staff to the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**Audience with the Board**

**Approval of the Minutes – Action**

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Marty Kramer to approve the December Regular Board minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of the Treasurer’s Report/Bills-Action**

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by J.D. Garber to approve the December Treasurer reports and bills. Motion carried 7-0.

**Reports from the BOE and Administration**

**BUSINESS**

**A. OPAA! - Presentation**

**B. KASB Policy Recommendations-Action**

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by John Fouard to adopt the recommended KASB policies as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**C. Supplemental Positions-Action**

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Dave Hiechel to accept Paige Goddard’s resignation as HS Asst. Volleyball Coach effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Dave Hiechel to accept Jeffrey Bachman’s resignation as MS Asst. Football Coach effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Dave Hiechel to approve the Fall Coaches as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**D. Transportation -Action**

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Marty Kramer to request to bid out the purchase of a truck for the District. Motion carried 7-0

**E. Donations- Action**

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to accept the following donations; \$1,000 from Greater Salina Community Foundation Scholarship, \$15,000.00 from the Cargill grant. Motion carried 7-0.

**F. Certified Staff- Action**

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by J.D. Garber to accept Hannah Kochevar’s resignation as the FACs teacher effective at the end of the 25-26 School year. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library, starting at 6:30 p.m.