

**Ell Saline Unified School District 307
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Ell-Saline MSHS Library
April 13, 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, April 13, 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 – Alicia Retter, Lori Wilson, Alexis Bates, Cindy Jensen

6:32 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by J.D. Garber to go into executive session under the exceptions relating to Non-elected personnel and negotiations under KOMA for 20 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, and Mr. McClure into Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0.

6:53 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to go into executive session under the exceptions relating to Non-elected personnel and negotiations under KOMA for 10 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, and Mr. McClure into Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0.

7:04 p.m. Open Session

Approval/Modification of the Agenda- Action

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Audience with the Board

Approval of the Minutes – Action

Motion by Rebecca Kejr, seconded by Dave Hiechel to approve the March Regular Board minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the Treasurer’s Report/Bills-Action

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve the March Treasurer reports and bills. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports from the BOE and Administration

BUSINESS**A. Summer Food Program - Action**

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Dave Hiechel to approve the Summer Food Program for the month of June for the Summer of 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Goals – Discussion**C. Capital Outlay - Discussion****D. Bus Rebate Program – Action**

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to purchase a new route bus from Kansas Truck, and a new activity bus from Kansas Truck as presented IF we can receive the rebate discussed by the Transportation Director. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Bids – Action

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to deny all bids submitted for a used truck and authorized the Superintendent to purchase a used truck for the District. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve requesting bids for a new storage building at the Elementary School. Motion carried 7-0.

F. HOA Affiliation – Action

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by John Fouard to join the Wheat state League. Motion failed 3-4.

G. Summer School - Action

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Dave Hiechel to approve Summer School as presented. Motion carried 7-0

H. District Capacity – Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve the USD 307 Student Enrollment Projections and the capacity of qualified non-resident students as recommended. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Supplemental Positions - Action

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Dave Hiechel to accept Bill Gies' resignation as MS Assistant Volleyball Coach effective at the end of the 2026 school year, to accept Marty Wendel's resignation as HS head Boys Basketball coach effective at the end of the 2026 school year, to accept Paul Womack's resignation as the MS Assistant Boys Basketball coach effective at the end of the 2026 school year, and to accept Kris Bell's resignation as the HS Girls Assistant Basketball coach effective at the end of the 2026 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

J. Certified Staff – Action

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve Julie Janzen as an Elementary Teacher for the 26-27 School year, and to accept Marty Wendel's resignation as the MSHS P.E. Teacher effective at the end of the 2026 school year, and to accept Marty Wendel's resignation as Drivers Education Teacher effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.

K. Special Education – Discussion

L. KASB Renewal – Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by John Fouard to renew the KASB membership and KASB Legal Assistance Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

M. Custodial Summer Help – Action

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to hire part time MSHS custodial help during the summer of 2026 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

N. Summer Tech Help – Action

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to hire part time summer help for the District Tech Director as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

O. End-of-Year Celebration – Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve having the End-of-Year celebration on Friday, May 22. Motion carried 7-0.

P. Donations/Gifts - Action

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by John Fouard to accept the donation of \$400 from Bank of the Plains to the Trap Shooting Club. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, May 11th, 2026 at the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library, starting at 6:30 p.m.