

**Ell Saline Unified School District 307
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Ell-Saline MSHS Library
March 9, 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, March 9, 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 – Scott Merritt, and Joseph Roche

6:32 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by J.D. Garber to go into executive session under the exceptions relating to Non-elected personnel and negotiations under KOMA for 45 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, Joseph Roche and Mr. McClure into Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0. Darla Raile in at 6:50 p.m., out at 7:07 p.m. Chris McClure in at 7:07 p.m.

7:18 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Marty Kramer to go into executive session under the exceptions relating to Non-elected personnel and negotiations under KOMA for 25 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, Joseph Roche, and Mr. McClure into Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0. Chris McClure out at 7:23 p.m. Joseph Roche in at 7:25 p.m., out at 7:36.

7:43 p.m. Open Session

Approval/Modification of the Agenda- Action

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to add F. Certified Staff and G. Donation to the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Audience with the Board

Approval of the Minutes – Action

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Dave Hiechel to approve the February Regular Board minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report/Bills-Action

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to approve the February Treasurer reports and bills. Motion carried 7-0.

Reports from the BOE and Administration

BUSINESS

A. Summer Food Program - Discussion

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to table the discussion about the Summer Food Program until the April BOE meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

B. E-Rate -Action

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Dave Hiechel to approve the E-Rate plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

C. HOA Affiliation - Discussion

D. Supplemental Positions -Action

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Dave Hiechel to accept Bill Gies' resignation effective February 17, 2026 as MS Assistant Track Coach, to approve Taylor Bonnette and Darby Smith as a MS Assistant Track Coach, to accept Logan Harner's resignation as HS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, and to accept Joseph Roche's resignation as Athletic Director effective at the end of the 25-26 School Year. Motion carried 7-0

E. Board Work Session - Discussion

F. Classified Staff - Action

Motion by John Fouard. seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve Rebekah Myers as the Title Paraprofessional for the 26-27 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.

G. Donations - Action

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to accept the following donations; \$400 to HS Volleyball from Erin Hecker, \$109.18 from Kroger to MSHS Band, \$743.07 from First Bank Kansas to USD 307, \$3,000 from Ell Saline Booster Club split for HS Golf and Trap Shooting Club, \$650 from the State of Kansas to USD 307, and \$200 from Saline County Farm Bureau to Ell Saline FFA. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Dave Hiechel to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, April 13th, 2026 at the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library, starting at 6:30 p.m.