

**Ell Saline Unified School District 307
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Ell-Saline MSHS Library
May 11, 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, May 10, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

Board members absent: Dave Hiechel

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

Audience Present – Karen Abker, Scott Merritt, Erin Hecker, Emily Fouard, Alexis Bates, Taylor Stout, Audra Ayers, Christina Ruiz, Cooper Duncan, and Dakota Gibson

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 30 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, and Mr. McClure into Executive Session. Motion carried 6-0.

7:03 p.m. Open Session

Approval/Modification of the Agenda- Action

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to add M. Summer Tech Helper to the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Audience with the Board

Approval of the Minutes – Action

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by John Fouard to approve the April Regular Board minutes and the April Work session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of the Treasurer’s Report/Bills-Action

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve the April Treasurer reports and bills. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports from the BOE and Administration

BUSINESS**A. FCCLA Presentation; Out-of-State Travel and Funding Request - Action**

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to approve the out of state travel request for FCCLA Nationals as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to assist FCCLA with the funding of \$2,400 to go towards the cost to attend the FCCLA National Conference. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Goals – Discussion**C. HOA Affiliation – Action**

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by J.D. Garber to begin the process to apply to join the Wheat State League. Motion carried 5-1.

D. Certified Staff – Action

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to accept Amy Vernon's resignation effective at the end of the 25-26 School year, to approve Maggie Yetter as the Elementary Teacher for the 26-27 School year, approve Isabelle Peters' as MSHS PE Teacher for the 26-27 School year, approve Sterling Harp as half time MSHS PE Teacher and Substitute Teacher for the 26-27 School year, approve Ava Mayginnes as FACS Teacher beginning January 5, 2027 for the 26-27 School year, and approve Amy Brock-Devine and Jeri Clouston as Substitutes Teachers. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Supplemental Positions – Action

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to accept Jeffrey Bachman's resignation as Head MS & HS Wrestling Coach, approve Sterling Harp as Head MS and HS Wrestling Coach and MS Assistant Football Coach, approve Isabelle Peters' as HS Assistant Volleyball Coach, and HS Assistant Track Coach, approve Brian Rowley as the Athletic Director, and approve Kira Wilson as the HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried 6-0.

F. Summer School – Action

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by John Fouard to approve Abby Livingston, Megan Dotson, Seth Lamborn, and Nathan Burgess as Summer School Teachers. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Summer Weights - Action

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to approve Joe Roche, and John Ludes to run the Summer Weights program as presented for the summer of 2026. Motion carried 6-0.

H. Cell Phone Policy – Discussion**I. Chromebooks - Action**

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to approve the purchase of the Chromebooks as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

J. Food Service Bid – Action

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by John Fouard to accept OPAA! as the food service program and approve the addendum as presented for the 26-27 School year. Motion carried 6-0.

K. Graduation and MS Awards Night/8th Grade Promotion Attendees – Discussion

L. Gifts – Action

Motion by J.D. Garber, seconded by Mindy Tillberg to accept the donation of \$105 from Greater Salina Community Foundation from the Match Madness event. Motion carried 6-0.

M. Summer Tech Helper - Action

Motion by Mindy Tillberg, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to approve Delaney Fouard as the Summer Tech Helper for the Summer of 2026. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John Fouard, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.
Motion carried 6-0.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, June 8th, 2026 at the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library, starting at 6:30 p.m.

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education