

**Ell Saline Unified School District 307
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Ell-Saline Middle/High Library
July 13, 2026
6:30 PM**

6:30 p.m. Call to Order

The regular Board of Education meeting was held at the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library on Monday, July 13th, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Heather Hardesty, Mindy Tillberg -Vice-President, Dave Hiechel, Rebecca Kejr and Marty Kramer

Board members absent: J.D. Garber – President and John Fouard

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

Audience Present –Lori Wilson, Scott Merritt, Erin Underwood, and Stacy Maneth

Elect President and Vice-President

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to elect J.D. Garber as President and Mindy Tillberg as Vice-President for the 26-27 School Year. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval/Modification of the Agenda- Action

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Heather Hardesty to add Executive Session-10 minute and (m) under business- 403(b) District benefit. Motion carried 5-0.

6:35 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Heather Hardesty to go into executive session under the exceptions relating to Non-elected personnel under KOMA for 10 minutes with the right to invite Mr. Rowley, Ms. Raile, and Mr. McClure into Executive Session. Motion carried 5-0.

6:47 p.m. Open Session

Audience with the Board

Approval of the Minutes – Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to approve the June Regular Board minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the Treasurer’s Report/Bills-Action

Motion by Heather Hardesty, seconded by Dave Hiechel to table the approval June Treasurer reports and bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports from the BOE and Administration

BUSINESS

A. Appointments-Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Heather Hardesty to approve the appointments as listed. Motion carried 5-0.

- i. Clerk of the Board (KSA 72-8202c)
Jennifer Johnson
- ii. Deputy Clerk
Darla Raile
- iii. District Treasurer (KSA 72-8202d)
Cher Richards
- iv. Deputy Treasurer
Chris McClure
- v. School Attorney (KSA 72-8205)
Dusty Moshier
- vi. KPERS Representative
Cher Richards
- vii. Truant Reporting Officers (KSA 72-1113)
Darla Raile and Chris McClure
- viii. Food Service Representative (KSA 72-5120)
Jennifer Johnson
- ix. Food Service Hearing Officer
Brian Rowley
- x. Title I District Representative
Brian Rowley
- xi. Impact Aid Section 8002 Representative (PL874)
Brian Rowley
- xii. Section 504, Title IX, Title VI Coordinator
Brian Rowley
- xiii. Freedom of Information Officer
Jennifer Johnson
- xiv. Homeless Children Coordinator
Stacy Maneth
- xv. Foster Care Coordinator
Stacy Maneth
- xvi. KICS Representative
Brian Rowley

B. Board Appointments-Action

Motion by Heather Hardesty, seconded by Marty Kramer to approve the appointments as listed. Motion carried 5-0.

- i. SHESC Board of Directors
John Fouard
- ii. Governmental Relations Representative
John Fouard
- iii. Cardinal Foundation for Education Excellence Board of Directors Representatives
Mindy Tillberg and Dave Hiechel
- iv. Calendar Committee Representative
Marty Kramer
- v. Negotiating Committee
J.D. Garber and Rebecca Kejr

C. Adoptions-Action

Motion by Rebecca Kejr, seconded by Dave Hiechel to approve the adoptions listed.
Motion carried 5-0.

- i. Early Payment Request Policy (KSA 12-105b)
- ii. Depository for District Funds (KSA 9-1401)
Bennington State Bank
- iii. 1116 Hour Calendar (KSA 72-1106)
- iv. Official Newspaper of Record
Salina 311
- v. GAAP Waiver Resolution (KSA 72-1120a)
- vi. BOE Meeting Dates/Times Resolution (KSA 72-8205)
- vii. Destroying Old Records Resolution (KSA 72-5369 & KSA 72-5370)
- viii. District car location – At superintendent’s house.

D. Health Insurance Presentation by USI – Aaron Wells

E. Health Insurance - Discussion

F. Goals-Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Marty Kramer to approve the following goals for the District and look at adding a 3-5 strategic plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Achievement Goals:

- a. Eighty-five percent of students in each grade level will achieve 3 percent growth in Reading and Math Fastbridge Assessment Scores from Fall to Spring.
- b. Increase the percentage of students in levels 2, 3, and 4 on the state assessments using student graduating class cohort and not grade level. (Class of 2027 8th grade Math compared to the Class of 2027 10th grade Math scores.)
- c. All grade levels will score higher than the state average on the State Assessments.
- d. USD 307 will have a higher Student Success Rate than 90% of the area schools.

Enrollment Goals:

- a. Increase district enrollment by continuing to improve academics, school culture, athletics, extra-curricular activities and district facilities to be competitive with area schools.

G. KASB Board Policy Recommendations- Action

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Heather Hardesty to approve the KASB policies as reviewed and presented. Motion 5-0.

H. Personal Devices/Cell Phone Policy – Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Heather Hardesty to approve the Cell Phone and Personal Device Policy as reviewed and presented. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Needs Assessment-Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Heather Hardesty to approve the Building Needs Assessment as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Middle/High School Facilities Restoration – Action

Motion by Marty Kramer, seconded by Dave Hiechel to approve the restoration bid by MidContinent Restoration to repair and maintain the exterior portions of the Middle/High School. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Propane Bids-Action

Motion by Dave Hiechel, seconded by Heather Hardesty to approve Central Valley Ag as our propane supplier for the 26-27 School Year. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Supplemental Positions - Action

Motion by Heather Hardesty, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to accept Paige Goddard's resignation as HS Head Track Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

M. 403(b) District Benefit - Action

Motion by Heather Hardesty, seconded by Rebecca Kejr to move the District 403(b) Benefit from OFG/Security Benefit to Pathway Financials. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heather Hardesty, seconded by Marty Kramer to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, August 10th, 2026 at the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library, starting at 6:30 p.m.