

# Green Schools Summit

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am – 3:00pm

## Learn how to Redefine Success in Turbulent Times

- Creating Sustainable High Performance Learning Environments.
- Success Stories from Kansas USDs.
- Budgets and Financial Planning.
- Positive Community Support.
- Master Planning.

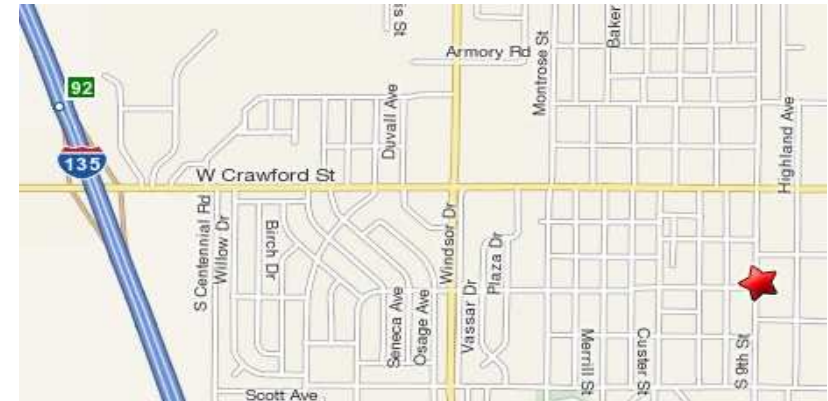
Please register online by February 19<sup>th</sup>  
at [www.smokyhill.org](http://www.smokyhill.org)

This is a FREE event for Kansas Educators, School Board Members and Administrators.

# Location

Smoky Hill Learning Center  
830 South 9<sup>th</sup>, Salina, KS 67401

Distance Learning locations will be available if necessary in Concordia and Hays, Kansas.



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# Summit Agenda



8:30am – 9:00am

Check-In and Breakfast

9:00am – 11:30am

Welcome & Introductions

Green Legislation

Kansas Area Legislators (TBD)

Keynote Speech: Greening K-12 Campuses

Bob Kobet, *Sustainassiance International*

11:30am – 12:30pm

Catered Lunch & Recognition Ceremony

12:30pm – 3:00pm

Renewable Energy

Joe Ryan, *NexGen Energy Partners*

Master Planning

Jerry McCall, *Educational Consulting Services*

Green Curriculum

Southeast of Saline Leadership Class

Kansas Green Schools Success Stories

Southeast of Saline USD 306

Plainville USD 270

Tonganoxie USD 464

Clifton-Clyde USD 224

3:00pm Adjourn

**A special thanks to the Kansas Association  
of School Boards for their support of  
the Green Schools Summit.**

# Speaker Bios

## **Bob Kobet, Sustainassiance International**

Returning to Kansas once again, Robert J. Kobet is President of *Sustainassiance International*—a multi-disciplined architectural consulting firm specializing in sustainable design and development, high performance LEED Certified buildings and environmental education. Bob Kobet's individual impact on the built environment spans several decades over a wide area of influence. His green building and sustainable community development projects around the world range from small non-profit endeavors to multi-million dollar developments. Bob is one of only a handful of individuals with his depth of experience who understands Kansas needs.

## **Joe Ryan, NexGen Energy Partners**

Joe Ryan is a Regional Manager with NexGen Energy Partners and is responsible for supporting the Kansas market. Joe is a fifth generation Kansas rancher and lifelong resident of Saline County. Joe is currently a school board member of USD 306 Southeast of Saline and has formerly served on the board of directors for the Farmers Cooperative Association of Solomon and Talmage. He has also served on the Saline County Extension Council and various church and civic boards and committees. Joe's family has farmed and ranched in Saline County since the 1870's and this has nurtured his sense of stewardship and conservation which led him to work in the renewable energy industry.

## **Jerry McCall, Educational Consulting Services**

As the Principal of Educational Consulting Services, Jerry has provided professional educational planning services to schools for over 30 years, resulting in over \$1.8 Billion in School District capital improvements. Jerry focuses on comprehensive school district master plans that include demographic studies, educational program analysis and building space studies, educational specifications for new facilities and remodeling old facilities, site selection and improvement planning, fiscal planning and bond issue organization, and school and community cooperative projects.



# Success Stories

**Dr. Justin Henry** is Superintendent of Southeast of Saline USD 306. Inspired by the student body, the direction of the "Going Green with Southeast of Saline" campaign, and a sizable donation by Philips Lighting Company, Dr. Henry and the School Board implemented high performance learning environment improvements in 2009. The District is also entering a process to approve a Wind Turbine Power Purchase agreement for Renewable Energy. Although other Districts have embraced the support of the students, staff and community, Southeast of Saline has actually been driven by that support.

**Kyle Hayden** is Superintendent of Tonganoxie USD 464. Tonganoxie is in the final stages of completing sustainable "green" high performance learning environment improvements. USD 464 implemented The BTU Crew, an energy curriculum, to the entire 6th grade, which resulted in a trip to Topeka to meet with Governor Parkinson to discuss Energy Policy. As a result of the improvements, Tonganoxie USD 464 was presented with the Governor's Energy Achievement Recognition Award in October 2009.

**Beth Reust** is Superintendent of Plainville USD 270. USD 270 encompasses three schools and educates over 400 students. Plainville utilized Qualified Zone Academy Bond financing to make sustainable "green" high performance learning environment improvements, including indoor air quality. Last November, Reust was one of nine schools invited by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncun to discuss the unique challenges facing rural schools.

**Brian Pakarek** is Superintendent of Clifton-Clyde USD 224. In 2009, USD 224 constructed a wind turbine and a solar-powered water pump on the Clifton-Clyde High School Football Complex. The wind and solar-powered technologies were paid for by multiple grants and donations from foundations, companies, local businesses, and local community members. The purpose of the solar and wind energy site is to educate the students, staff, and community on the benefits of clean and renewable energy and energy efficiency.