

U.S.D. #354
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The U.S.D.#354 Board of Education met on October 6, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school 6th grade room for a technology presentation. The meeting then reconvened at the district office for the regular board meeting at 7:30. Board members present were Doug Hubbard, Bert Besthorn, Dave Hickel, Lee Bieberle, and Jim Vance.

The agenda for the October, 2008, meeting was approved with two additions. The minutes from the September meeting were approved along with the invoices, and the treasurer's report.

Under old business the board heard from Ken Beran of Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball accounting firm of Hays, who reviewed the 2007-08 audit report and answered any questions the board presented. The board approved the audit report. The board then reviewed the September 20, 2008 enrollment count.

Under new business the board reviewed the Local Consolidated Plan and the KASB state delegate assembly and convention to be held in Wichita on December 5th to December 7th. Bert Besthorn will serve as the delegate with all other board members to be alternates. The board approved the following: let bids on purchasing new or refurbished laptop computers; let sealed bids on the 1975 Chevrolet pickup; \$1000.00 towards the purchase of the choir robes for the high school choir; and Savannah Sammons as assistant junior high boys' basketball coach for the 2008-09 season. The board also approved a salary adjustment for Toby Holmes for additional administrative duties for the 2008-09 school year.

Board members discussed the following: upcoming USD 354 Planning Committee meeting to be held on October 29, 2008; consensus not to fill the jr/sr high school principal's position at this time; receipt of earnest money on the educational broadband service lease agreement; upcoming KASB Fall Regional meeting to be held in Stafford on Wednesday, October 8, 2008; tornado refuge checklist; preliminary budget projections for the next three years; and recent meetings with area schools regarding future enrollment and services.

Superintendent Jane Oeser reported on the following: four students (Ryan Bieberle, Devin Hoffman, Remington Miller, and Nolan Wirth) qualified for the national land judging competition in Oklahoma City in May, 2009 by taking 1st Place at the state competition held October 1st; KSDE sponsored "Body Venture" will be at the Clafin Elementary on October 15; update on the high school tunnel project; and informed the board of the recent state fire marshal visit.

The board was reminded about the upcoming superintendent evaluation that will be scheduled for the next board meeting.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the district office.