

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

The U.S.D.#354 Board of Education met on October 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the district office. Board members present were Doug Hubbard, Bert Besthorn, Cherlyn Maier, Lee Bieberle, and Jim Vance.

The agenda for the October 5, 2009, meeting was approved. The minutes from the September meetings were approved along with the invoices, and the treasurer's report.

Under old business the board heard from Ken Beran and Jessica Torluemke of Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball accounting firm of Hays, who reviewed the 2008-09 audit report and answered any questions the board presented. The board approved the audit report. The board then reviewed the September 20, 2009 official enrollment count. The board also approved Heather Schepmann as a substitute teacher for the district.

Under new business the board approved the following: Capital Outlay Levy renewal at 4 mills for 5 years; pursue architectural services to update the science lab at the Claflin Jr/Sr High School; and Bert Besthorn agreed to serve as the board delegate with all other members as alternates at the KASB (Kansas Association of School Boards) delegate assembly and convention at Overland Park December 4-6, 2009.

Board members discussed the following: USD 354 Planning Committee to meet on Wednesday, October 28 @ 7:00 PM at the district office with Doug Hubbard and David Hickel serving as board member representatives on the committee; Fall Regional KASB meeting to be held at Russell High School on October 8, 2009; and a KASB Seminar to be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> @ Salina. The board reviewed and discussed in length the USD 354 Claflin preliminary budget projections for the next 3 school years provided by Superintendent Jane Oeser. The board also reviewed and discussed the K-12 enrollment projection report compiled by KASB (Kansas Association of School Boards) for USD 354 Claflin. Superintendent Jane Oeser was directed to begin discussions with the Lorraine School District as to the possibility of sharing resources and/or consolidation in the future.

Principal Toby Holmes reported on the following: meeting with BCCC representatives on a EMT/CNA course that may be offered on ITV for seniors only; upcoming webinar on implementing "Kansas course codes"; Mr. Jim Ryan will be taking five students to the state land judging competition in Marion, Kansas on Wednesday, October 7; girls' regional tennis will be October 9-10 in WaKeeney and state tennis will be in Hays on October 16-17; PSAT testing for juniors will be given on Wednesday, October 14; end of the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks will be Friday, October 16 with a 2:00 dismissal time; no school on Friday October 23 due to staff inservice and no school on Monday, October 26 due to staff inservice in the morning and Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM; no school on Friday, October 30; Barton County Health Department requiring the reporting of actual student absences due to illness be submitted daily to their office; and the H1N1 vaccine will be available to students and staff on-site in the near future.

Superintendent Jane Oeser reported on the following: upcoming staff inservice to be held on October 23; area superintendents' quarterly meeting to be held in Claflin on October 14; laptop rotation will wait until end of year due to budgetary purposes; and recent technology purchases to improve the efficiency of the district computers.

**The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the district office.**