

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

The U.S.D.#354 Board of Education met on January 5, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the high school. Board members present were Bert Besthorn, Dave Hickel, Doug Hubbard, Lee Bieberle, Cherlyn Maier, Dawnya Hickel and Jim Vance.

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

The board's meeting began at the Claflin Jr/Sr High School where Ms. Rhiannon Becker's senior English students Rachael Stueder, Kristin Wirth, and Natalie Zink presented their persuasive speeches to those present. Following the senior English presentation the board members walked through the Claflin Jr/Sr High School facilities to inspect the school building.

Under old business the board approved John Strella as a substitute teacher for the 2008-09 school year.

Under new business the board discussed the capital outlay project listing for the summer of 2009 and then discussed the upcoming school board elections to be held in April 2009. Board members up for re-election are Lee Bieberle, Cherlyn Maier, Doug Hubbard, and Jim Vance. They were reminded of the January 27th at 12:00 PM filing deadline. The board approved Toby Holmes as the Jr/Sr High School Principal for the 2009-2010 school year pending his completion of his administrative certificate requirements. The board approved by consensus not to have extra help for snow removal. The board did approve David Kempke to attend an out-of-state football coach's clinic in the Kansas City area.

Superintendent Jane Oeser along with board member Dawnya Hickel discussed the recent legislative luncheon they attended in Salina and reviewed several topics that were discussed.

Toby Holmes reported on the following: current letter grading system; upcoming junior high spelling bee scheduled for January 9th at 1:00 PM; various upcoming quiz bowl and basketball games; and the January 12th Financial Aid meeting for parents at 7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria. Superintendent Jane Oeser reported on the following: upcoming elementary school spelling bee scheduled for January 9th at 8:30 AM; 4th grade were selected to take NAEP Assessment on February 25; 6th grade physical education class will be performing a basketball routine at the halftime of the varsity boys' basketball game Friday, January 9th; and an upcoming school finance meeting as a result of Governor Sebelius' State of the State Address.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009, at 7:00 PM in the district office.