

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

The U.S.D.#354 Board of Education met on January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the district office. Board members present were Doug Hubbard, Bert Besthorn, Cherlyn Maier, Dave Hickel, Dawnya Hickel, Lee Bieberle, Jr. and Jim Vance.

The agenda for the January 4, 2010, meeting was approved. The minutes from the December meetings were approved along with the invoices, and the treasurer's report.

Under old business the board had the 2nd reading and approval of board policy "BCBJ- News Coverage". President Bert Besthorn reviewed the agreement to consolidate document. The board discussed each item on the agreement and decided by written ballot to have Bert Besthorn, Cherlyn Maier and Jim Vance as the three members to serve on the interim board.

At 8:00 PM Donna Whiteman, KASB attorney, called the district office and a conference call was held regarding the conflict of interest and the limitations of multiple representation for USD 354 and USD 328. Mrs. Whiteman also answered any questions the board presented regarding the agreement for consolidation document. The board approved Donna Whiteman as legal representation for consolidation for USD 354. Following the conference call, the board opened the floor to questions and comments.

Under new business Superintendent Jane Oeser reviewed the proposed capital outlay projects for the district.

Board members discussed the option to offer an EMT elective class at the high school for the 2010-2011 school year. Clafin Jr/Sr High School Principal Toby Holmes reported that there were currently 12 students interested in taking the class. Superintendent Jane Oeser reviewed with the board the recent Fire Marshal's inspection and recommendations.

Principal Toby Holmes reported on the following: upcoming college classes; junior high spelling bee to be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 8, 2010 in the auditorium; upcoming junior high JV basketball tournament to be held at Otis on Saturday, January 9, 2010; high school JV girls' basketball tournament to be hosted by Clafin on Saturday, January 23, 2010 with Clafin, Larned, and Ness City participating; K of C free throw contest to be held at the high school gym on Sunday, January 24, 2010; and an upcoming senior parent information night on financial aid to be held in the Clafin Jr/Sr High School's ITV room on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Superintendent Jane Oeser reported on the following: Clafin School District received a Golden Belt Community Foundation grant in the amount of \$500.00 to be used towards the purchase of William Allen White books; elementary school spelling bee for grades 4th -6th to be held on Friday, January 8, 2010 beginning at 8:30 AM at the Clafin Jr/Sr High School Auditorium; and the upcoming teacher inservice hosted by USD 328 Lorraine on Monday, January 18, 2010.

Board member Lee Bieberle, Jr. thanked the administration team and teachers on the work they have done for the budget and towards consolidation efforts. President Bert Besthorn thanked board member Dawnya Hickel for her recent accurate interview with the Hutchinson News.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the district office.