

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

The U.S.D.#354 Board of Education met on November 3, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the district office. Board members present were Doug Hubbard, Bert Besthorn, Dave Hickel, Lee Bieberle, Cherlyn Maier, Dawnya Hickel and Jim Vance.

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

Under old business the board approved: a 2-year contract with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball accounting firm of Hays; adjustment to the district's vacation policy; accepted the high bid of \$552.00 for the 1975 Chevrolet Pickup; and Kiley Klug as a substitute teacher for the 2008-09 school year.

Under new business guidance counselor Toby Holmes reviewed the 2007-08 testing scores of the Kansas Assessments, Terra Nova and ACT for the Claflin School District. Superintendent Jane Oeser reviewed the AYP reports in math, reading, attendance and graduation rates at the Claflin School District. Technology Coordinator John Kruckenberg and Superintendent Jane Oeser reviewed with the board the technology bids. The board approved purchasing 24 Dell Inspiron 1525 laptops from CDI Corporation.

Board members discussed the following: hosting a continental breakfast for the staff in honor of American Education Week on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:45 AM; upcoming KASB Convention to be held on December 5-7 in Wichita; annual holiday open house for staff on Wednesday, December 17 starting at 3:45 PM at the district office; upcoming legislative luncheon hosted by Smoky Hill Education Service Center to be held in Salina on December 12; reviewed the KASB Fall Regional meeting held in Stafford; reviewed the 2008-09 USD 354 Board of Education goals; possible energy audit; advertising on athletic programs to help offset the cost of officials at the junior high and high school junior varsity events; and discussed the recent USD 354 Education Foundation annual meeting held on October 22nd.

Superintendent Jane Oeser reported on the following: recent USD 354 Planning Committee meeting and topics that were discussed; school and community news now published in the Tuesday edition of the Great Bend Tribune; possibility of changing the current grading scale used in the district; Pre-K through 6th grade Claflin Elementary Open House to be held on Thursday, November 6 from 7:00-8:00 PM; upcoming elementary school principal workshop to be held on November 11 & 12 in Wichita; upcoming annual bullying survey to be given to the students; and an internet safety workshop for students and parents to be given by Netsmartz on Monday, November 24, 2008.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the district office.