

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

The U.S.D.#354 Board of Education met on December 1, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Board members present were Bert Besthorn, Dave Hickel, Lee Bieberle, Cherlyn Maier, Dawnya Hickel and Jim Vance.

The agenda for the December 1, 2008, meeting was approved. The minutes from the November meeting were approved along with the invoices, and the treasurer's report.

The board's meeting began at the Claflin Elementary School where Mrs. Denise Kempke and Mrs. Shae Sheehy presented the DIBELS/Guided Reading program to those present. Following the DIBELS presentation the board members walked through the elementary school to inspect the school building.

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

Under new business the board approved the updated USD 354 Technology Plan. Technology coordinator John Kruckenberg and Superintendent Jane Oeser presented information about the current and possible future technology options and technology training. The board also appointed Lee Bieberle and Bert Besthorn to the board of education negotiations team for 2009.

Board members discussed the following: the upcoming KASB conventions to be held on December 5-7 in Wichita; Smoky Hill Service Center's upcoming declining enrollment meeting for superintendents to be held in Salina on December 10; upcoming legislative luncheon hosted by Smoky Hill Education Service Center to be held in Salina on December 12; annual holiday open house for staff on Wednesday, December 17 starting at 3:30 PM at the district office; and scheduled a special board retreat meeting on December 30th at 7:00 PM at the district office. The board also discussed recognizing seniors and their parents involved in various activities besides athletics.

Superintendent Jane Oeser reported on the following: elementary school winter music program on Monday, December 8th at 7:00 PM in the high school gym; grades 7-12 winter music program on Monday, December 15th @ 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium; December 9th superintendent meeting with area districts; upcoming Amos Morris/George Stephens Basketball Classic will be held at Russell this year (schedule of play on school website (www.claflinschools.org); 6th grade D.A.R.E. culmination on December 15th at 1:00 PM in the elementary school gym; and elementary school Christmas projects this year will be PK-2nd graders delivering care packages to area patrons and 3rd -6th grade students donating to Kans For Kids.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009, at 7:00 PM in the district office.