

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

The U.S.D. #354 Board of Education met on February 2, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the district office. Board members present were Bert Besthorn, Dave Hickel, Doug Hubbard, Lee Bieberle, Cherlyn Maier, Dawnya Hickel and Jim Vance.

The agenda for the February 2, 2009 meeting was approved. The minutes from the January meeting were approved along with the invoices, and the treasurer's report.

The board's meeting began with Marissa Woodmansee and Justin Schwartz presenting an overview of the All-Stars program. The program goals for All-Stars is to prevent youth from engaging in behaviors that will put their health and well-being at risk, and to help students envision a brighter future. The board approved the All-Stars program to be implemented once a week in the 7th grade level health class, beginning the fall of 2009.

Under new business the board approved the 2009-2010 school calendar with the high school graduation date to be set at a later date. The board also approved the following: Savannah Sammons as the junior high boys' track coach for the 2009 season; advertising for an assistant high school boys' golf coach; amended board policy JPA to eliminate the meal reimbursement portion of the policy effective the 2009-2010 school year; accepted the letter of retirement from head cook Judy Oberle effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year; and increased the driver's education fee to \$125 per student for the summer of 2009. Superintendent Jane Oeser opened discussion with the board about cost savings measures affecting transportation in the district for the next school year. The Board of Education also discussed the possibility of preparing meals at the jr/sr high school kitchen, for all K-12 students during the 2009-10 school year, and transporting the food to the elementary building. No action was taken by the board at this time.

USD 354 Board President Bert Besthorn reviewed with the board the upcoming governmental relations seminar to be held in Topeka on February 18th & 19th. The board also discussed the following: USD 354 Planning Committee "City of Claflin" brochure; budget planning for the 2009-2010 school year; and current state legislative proposals that may affect the schools' budget. A mid-month meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the district office.

Toby Holmes reported on the following: current enrollment; Crime Stoppers will present a program February 11th @ 2:15 PM; KU Honors' Banquet scheduled for February 18th at Great Bend with three Claflin seniors qualifying (Rachael Stueder, Sarah Stueder, and Kristin Wirth); No school on Monday, February 16th due to staff inservice; and regional basketball semi-finals/finals will be hosted by St. John on February 26-28th. Superintendent Jane Oeser reported on the following: damage to the wind screens on the tennis courts; Barton County Spelling Bee to be held at Great Bend High School Commons Area on Saturday, February 14th starting at 10 AM with Claflin students Carson Kirmer, Julie Demel, Trey Heitschmidt and Wyatt Disque participating; upcoming staff inservice on February 16th; and an update on the application process for the American History grant and Healthy Schools grant.

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