

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

The U.S.D. #354 Board of Education met on February 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Claflin Jr/Sr High School Auditorium. Board members present were Doug Hubbard, Bert Besthorn, Cherlyn Maier, Dave Hickel, Dawnya Hickel, Lee Bieberle, Jr. and Jim Vance.

The agenda for the February 1, 2010, meeting was amended and approved. The minutes from the January meetings were approved along with the invoices, and the treasurer's report.

Casey Hubbard, Claflin Recreation Commission member, addressed the board and updated them on the upcoming activities and meetings with area communities on joint recreation. He also reported that Jon Oeser had been appointed as the city representative along with Kelly Nixon. Kyle Hickel and Casey Hubbard are the U.S.D. 354 Claflin Recreation Commission members.

Under old business the board reviewed the recent Fire Marshal's report and the areas in both the elementary building and jr/sr high school building needing attention. The following State Fire Marshal recommendations were approved: Midwest Security of Salina, Kansas for 2 fire pulls, wiring, labor, mileage; Quality Glass of Great Bend, Kansas for glass around high school science rooms; S & H Lumber of Claflin for fire rated doors in science rooms; S & H Lumber of Claflin for fire stop above high school science doors; and Kirmer Electric & Appliance of Claflin for shut off valve for gas in high school science room. The board also approved Nicholl Weigel and Gina Price as substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Under new business Superintendent Jane Oeser distributed information to the board members regarding the Kan-Ed and internet service with H & B Communications in Holyrod for the 2010-2011 school year. Board president Bert Besthorn reviewed and approved a map that been drawn on the proposed consolidated district between U.S.D. 354 and U.S.D. 328, which included each proposed district's population to show new board member representation.

Board members discussed the following: possible dates to meet with the Ellinwood School District regarding sharing resources and staff; Reduction In Force (RIF) board policy; possible informational meetings and facility tours pertaining to the consolidation of U.S.D. 328 and U.S.D. 354; KASB Governmental Relation Seminar for board members to be held in Topeka on February 17 & 18, 2010; mid-month meeting will be the meeting set up with the Ellinwood School District with date to be determined; and the Due Diligence List which will need to be presented to the interim board if consolidation does occur.

Principal Toby Holmes reported on the following: "Winter Royalty" homecoming this Friday, February 5th with a pep rally scheduled for 2:15 p.m. in the Claflin Jr/Sr High School gymnasium; Julie Demel and Carson Kirmer will represent the Claflin Junior High in the Barton County Spelling Bee scheduled for Saturday, February 6th; K of C annual free throw contest will be held on Sunday, February 7th; KU Honors Banquet is scheduled for February 10, 2010 at the StoneRidge Club in Great Bend with seniors Emily Beran, Devin Hoffman, and Cindy Stueder invited from Claflin Jr/Sr High School; junior high dance scheduled for Friday, February 13th; "Senior Parent Night" will be held on Tuesday, February 16th; Claflin Forensics invitational will be Thursday, February 18th - anyone wishing to help please contact Rhiannon Becker at the Claflin Jr/Sr High School; Claflin will host the 1A basketball regionals February 22-24; and the FFA will attend the Farm Safety Seminar on February 24th in Great Bend. The board discussed and approved a request from band instructor Mrs. Sara Miles regarding a performance trip for the Claflin High School band members to Worlds of Fun on either April 25th or May 9th.

Superintendent Jane Oeser reported on the following: everyone is encouraged to attend the Legislative Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, February 27th at the Hoisington Activity Center; Kansas Learning Center of Halstead "On The Road" program will be visiting the Claflin Elementary School on Thursday, February 4th; Janae Ryan and Kylee Kasslemen will represent the Claflin Elementary School at the Barton County Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 6th; and there will be a teacher inservice on February 15th. Mrs. Oeser reminded those in attendance to please fill out and return their U.S. Census that will be mailed out in the near future as this is important in grant opportunities for schools.

President Bert Besthorn opened the meeting to the patrons for any comments and questions.

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