

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

The U.S.D.#354 Board of Education met on August 4, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. at the district office for the regular board meeting. A KASB Webinar began at 6:15 via the internet and conference phone. Board members present were Lee Bieberle, Doug Hubbard, Bert Besthorn, Cherlyn Maier, Dave Hickel, and Jim Vance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the 2008-09 budget hearing review. Superintendent Jane Oeser reviewed the budget for those in attendance. The board approved unanimously the 2008-09 budget as presented.

The agenda for the August 4, 2008, meeting was approved. The minutes from the July meeting were approved along with the invoices, and the treasurer's report.

Under old business the board approved the fuel proposal from the Farmer's Coop in Claflin and milk bid from Bailey's Food Bin in Claflin. The board voted not to participate in the Golden Belt Community Endowment Foundation.

Under new business the board approved the following: the ESSDACK Interlocal Agreement; emergency substitute teachers list as presented; bereavement days for classified staff; and a resignation from Teresa Hickel as high school cook.

Board members discussed and were in consensus of purchasing a used pickup truck at a maximum cost of \$10,000. The board also discussed the upcoming all-district employee family picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Claflin City Park and also the upcoming continental breakfast scheduled for Monday, August 11 starting at 7:45 AM for all-staff members. Board members were also reminded of the upcoming dinner with the BCCC board of trustees on Thursday, August 7 at 5:30PM.

Superintendent Jane Oeser reported the district would not benefit from the wind proposal as it did not meet the criteria; discussed the Kansas teacher shortage and various Kansas State Department of Education's ideas to recruit teachers by putting advertisement on the Kansas school district's websites; high school tunnel project is complete and the lease purchase is ready to sign with First Kansas Bank; upcoming enrollment on August 5 and new staff reporting on August 8; and American Mechanical will be completing adjustments to the high school boilers, at no cost to the district, to pass inspection. High School Principal Danielle Poland reminded the board of enrollment scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the district office.**