

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

The U.S.D.#354 Board of Education met on July 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office for the July board meeting. Board members present were Bert Besthorn, Doug Hubbard, Lee Bieberle, Dawnya Hickel, David Hickel, Cherlyn Maier, and Jim Vance. After the roll call of members, the board reorganized for the 2009-2010 school year with Bert Besthorn elected as Board President; Jim Vance as Vice-President; Diane Ney appointed as Board Clerk; and Darlene Lank as Board Treasurer. The first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office was the designated date, time and place of meetings for the U.S.D. #354 Board of Education.

The agenda for the July 13, 2009, meeting was approved. Invoices were then approved along with the treasurer's report given by Darlene Lank.

Procedural items requiring board action for the 2009-2010 school year were the following: designated the First Kansas Bank of Claflin for district deposits; Jane Oeser, Superintendent, as the food service representative; Bert Besthorn as the food service hearing officer; Jane Oeser as the Title IX hearing officer, Jane Oeser as the Section 504 coordinator; Toby Holmes, Jr./Sr. High School Principal and Jane Oeser, Elementary School Principal, were designated as truant officers for the schools; Diane Ney as district KPERS representative; Jane Oeser, as AHERA "Designated Person" for the Local Education Agency and as Freedom of Information Officer. Other procedural items approved were as follows: Keenan Law Firm of Great Bend was designated as the law firm for board legal matters; David Hickel as the board member to Governmental Relations Network and Jim Vance as the board representative to PDC; designated the Hoisington Dispatch and Great Bend Tribune to serve as the official newspapers for legal publications; authorized petty cash funds and set limits; approved waiver of exemption from generally accepted accounting principles; 1116 hour school year; set district mileage rate to \$.50 per mile for reimbursement for 2009-2010 school year; board clerk signing purchase orders in superintendent's absence; resolution authorizing early payment of claims; student fees for the 2009-2010 school year remaining the same as previously; and approval of participation in federal school food service program. Other procedural items requiring board action included approving the following: district inoculation policy; family rights and privacy notice; policy for non-discrimination; resolution for destruction of records, resolution for building principals accounting for gate receipts and all other receipts from building activity funds; procedures for allowing law enforcement on school property; and resolution for access to public records. In addition, informational items for board review included the following: organizational chart; insurance schedule; 2009-2010 refreshment schedule, and the 2009-2010 scan invoice schedule. The board then adopted the new board policies resolution, a home rule resolution and authorized securing fuel proposal and milk proposal.

Under old business the board approved the changes to the GCBD-GDBD "Professional Staff Leaves and Absences" policy and had the first reading for JGCBA "Automated External Defibrillators" policy.

Under new business the board approved August 3, 2009 as the budget hearing date and authorized publishing the 2009-2010 budget. The board approved the changes to the 2009-2010 elementary school student and faculty handbooks as well as the Jr/Sr High School student and faculty handbooks, classified handbook changes, and the district handbook changes. In addition, the board approved making the final payment on the high school boiler and also to purchase a mobile heater/proofer from Sunflower Restaurant and Supply in Salina for the high school kitchen.

Superintendent Jane Oeser reminded everyone of the upcoming "back-to-school" picnic for USD 354 staff to be held on August 9 at 5:30 PM in the Claflin City Park. The board agreed to have the back-to-school enrollment information published in the local newspapers. Superintendent Jane Oeser then presented the board with a preliminary budget report for the 2009-2010 school year. The board by consensus, agreed to an increase in the mill levy to generate an additional \$35,000 for the supplemental general fund due to a decrease in valuation, along with the recent state budget cut to the base state aid per pupil for the 2009-2010 school year. Discussion was also held on the concession stand supervisor vacancy. The board discussed a request by a family to have their daughter play softball with the Hoisington School District forming a cooperative with their district. The board also reviewed the 2008-09 board goals and began preliminary

discussions on the 2009-2010 board goals.

High School Principal Toby Holmes reported on the following: volleyball camp for grades 3-6<sup>th</sup> on Saturday, August 22, 2009; KSHSAA discussing splitting 1A to Division I & Division II to include volleyball, basketball, and scholars bowl for 2011-2012 school year; replacement of exterior doors installed at high school to the east of gym and in the Vo-Ag building; lockers in the high school boys locker room have been refurbished; and summer maintenance in high school nearly complete. Superintendent/Elementary Principal Jane Oeser reported on the following: elementary school gym floor being refinished by Pur-O-Zone Company due to lack of finish on the first application earlier in the summer; 2009-2010 budget document to be reviewed in Topeka with the Kansas State Department of Education on Monday, July 20, 2009 with Superintendent Jane Oeser and Board Clerk Diane Ney presenting; and a tentative date of July 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM for retirement dinner for Judy Oberle at Montana Mike's.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office. The 2009-2010 budget hearing will begin at 7:00 PM.