

U.S.D. #112 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The U.S.D. #112 Interim Board of Education met on October 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Quivira Heights Elementary/Junior High School Library for the August board meeting. Board members present were Bert Besthorn, Dawn Dolezal, Ron Etchison, Cherlyn Maier, Alan Siemer, Malcolm Shaw and Jim Vance.

The agenda for the October 11, 2010, meeting was approved. The minutes from the September meeting were approved along with the invoices and the treasurer's report given by Darlene Lank.

Ken Beran and Jessica Torleumke, from Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, CPA, gave the 2009-2010 audit report for USD 354 Claflin. Mr. Beran reviewed cash balances, transfers, and expenditures of each fund and answered any questions presented by the board.

The board approved the audit report for USD 354 as presented and approved seven members of Wilson FFA to attend the national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 19-23, 2010. The board listened to representatives from Wilson High School STUCO's presentation on not changing the mascot and school colors at Wilson High School. The board also listened to representatives from Claflin High School and Quivira Heights High School about a selection process for the new school mascot and colors for the combined high school at Claflin for next year. Several patrons addressed the board on the pros and cons of changing of the mascots and school colors.

Superintendent Steve Woolf reported on the following: review of grants in progress which includes a grant for a wind turbine to be used in the science department; reviewed student numbers and due to consolidation the current budget will be locked in for the next five years; update on school finance and reviewed various legislative proposals; reviewed upcoming KASB Convention to be held in Wichita on December 3-5, 2010; suggested that the district not sell the Birger Sandzen paintings at this time; and reported on the recent KASB regional meeting held in Lincoln. Mr. Woolf also commented on the success of the Claflin Clean-Up Day, sponsored by the Claflin Biology class and their teacher Stephanie Baltazor on Sunday, October 10, 2010.

No action was taken on the Rice County Mitigation Plan until additional information is received. The board voted unanimously to not change the name, mascot or colors for the Wilson schools. The board also approved the following names for the new consolidated schools on the south side of the district, for the 2011-2012 school year:

Central Plains High School - Claflin

Central Plains Middle School - Bushton

Central Plains Elementary School - Holyrood

The board discussed the following: recent board retreat with no further discussion; the process of selecting school colors and mascots and allowing the students to narrow the selection. By consensus, the board agreed to allow the STUCO representatives, using their process of selection as presented to the board, to select the new mascot and colors (with all schools to be the same). No discussion or action was taken on the USD 112 Timelines for changes. The board accepted the resignation of Karen Gieselman as a paraprofessional at Quivira Heights Elementary/Jr-High School and thanked her for her years of service to USD 328. The board approved the following classified staff and their positions: Rod Windholz, Wilson 5 hour custodian; Forrest Rupp, Claflin Elementary 5 hour custodian; Theresa Heinrich, QHES/Wilson Title 1 paraprofessional; Brittany Kratzer, QHES paraprofessional; Scott Mitchum, District Technician; and Lukas Sidzyk, halftime technical assistant- 4 hours daily. The board approved the following supplemental staff and their positions for the 2010-2011 school year: Brett Rolfs, Claflin HS boys basketball assistant; David Ingham, Claflin JH boys basketball assistant; Jason Seehafer, Wilson HS girls basketball assistant; and Cindy Burris, QHJH cheerleader sponsor. The board approved the USD 112 Non-discrimination policy as presented. The board also approved Alan Siemer, President of the Board of

Education of USD 112 Ellsworth County, State of Kansas, be authorized to sign Corrective Deeds, drawn by legal counsel for the district, for the purpose of clarifying and correcting the legal descriptions of properties owned by the district of Rice, Barton, and Ellsworth Counties, and that the deeds be attested to by the Clerk of the Board.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2010 beginning at 6:00 PM @ Quivira Heights Elementary/Junior High School Library in Holyrood.