

Student safety considered as school year begins

**(KAIR)--Matters of student safety are among the issues set for discussion Monday, August 13 when Atchison's Board of Education for USD 409 holds its regular meeting.**

**On the evening's agenda is the need for discussion regarding how funds received through the Safe and Secure Schools grant will be spent.**

**Received through the grant allocated by the State of Kansas is more than \$21,000. Factoring in the 50/50 match from the school district, USD 409 has more than \$42,000 to use for the purpose of safety.**

**Although options aren't specifically outlined, it's expected that the possible requirement of clear back packs and metal detectors will be included as part of the discussion. However, despite rumors to the contrary, Superintendent Dr. Susan Myers tells MSC News no decision has yet been made pertaining to those potential strategies, with no forward movement to be made until the issue is discussed by the School Board Monday.**

**Working towards the goal of school safety has been a key commitment of the district, with that effort being aided through a partnership with the Atchison Police Department.**

**Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News that includes the now approved Student Resource Officer, who will be on the job for the new school year. "[Corporal Josh Sinclair is] a 12-year veteran, but he just went through an intensive, [week-long] SRO school, where they train in the protocol of what SRO's do. It's really advantageous to both law enforcement and the schools to have that SRO in the building. It's another staff member that they have and another outreach for law enforcement to have. We know that's going to be a big benefit."**

**The Monday, August 13 meeting of the Board of Education begins at 7:00 at the School Board Office, at 626 Commercial Street, in Atchison.**

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