

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2009

The Ponca Board of Education held their regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary library. Members present were Richard Dohma, John Gill, Kenton Book, Phil Kramper and Doug Rickett. Absent: Gary Smith. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and approximately 20 visitors.

The agenda was approved with changes on a motion by Rickett, second by Book. M.C.U. The consent agenda with additions was approved on a motion by Book, second by Gill, and included the following: minutes of the March Board Meeting, the Treasurer's report showing \$159,171.97, the Hot Lunch Fund showing \$6,034.97, the Activity Fund report showing \$45,053.97, the Jackson Activity Fund showing \$2,470.44, the General Fund bills for April of \$40,849.20, the resignations of faculty members Mary Kock and Kylee Kephart at the end of the 08-09 school year, and positions available for the 09-10 school year. M.C.U.

Keith Trusty thanked the board for making the assistant wrestling coach a paid position and that he himself appreciates the chance to be head coach and hopes to be able to continue.

Principal Hayes reported that 33 signed up at Kindergarten Round-up and he also noted upcoming events at Jackson School of preschool round-up, spring concert, field day and graduations.

Supt. Thompson reported on State Education finances and effects of the Stimulus plan on the General Fund budget.

Kenton Book complimented the faculty and staff on their participation at the Jeff Taylor benefit.

With a motion by Gill and a second by Rickett, the Spanish trip request by Mrs. Hartman was taken from the table. M.C.U. Mrs. Hartman withdrew the request after thanking the board for considering it.

The request by the PEA to amend the Certified sick bank rules was taken from the table on a motion by Book, second by Kramper. M.C.U. After discussion, Kramper made a motion to accept an amendment to the Certified Sick Bank rules, such change being the allowance to donate sick days from the Certified sick bank to the Non-Certified sick bank and to raise the maximum number of days available. There being no second, motion died.

At 8:15 p.m., a motion was made by Kramper, second by Rickett, to go into executive session "to discuss personnel matters or matters of a private concern". M.C.U. The executive session was declared over at 8:38 p.m.

Upon the recommendation of The Ponca Public School Mascot Committee the current mascot and logo "Indians" will be retained for the following reasons: 1) Overwhelming consensus in the community to keep the mascot; 2) the mascot, "Indians", was originally chosen out of respect to honor the Ponca Indian Tribe; and 3) the school will continue to use the mascot with respect and honor.

After discussion of several options to extend the school day and a recommendation by Principal Rinas, a motion was made by Kramper, second by Book to accept the schedule beginning at 8:15 a.m., ending at 3:30 p.m. allowing eight 50 minute periods in the school day. M.C.U.

A motion was made by Rickett, second by Gill, to authorize the Administration to issue teaching and extracurricular contracts for the 2009-10 school and contract year to the certificated employees of the District that the administration has determined to meet the standards of performance for certificated staff of the school District. M.C.U.

The 2009-10 special education service contract with the Educational Service Unit #1 at an approximate amount of \$171,868 was approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Kramper. M.C.U.

At 9:05 p.m., a motion was made by Book, second by Gill, to go into executive session "to discuss personnel matters or matters of a private concern". M.C.U. The executive session was declared over at 9:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Gill, second by Rickett, to offer a one-year contract to Michelle Rinas as High School Principal and Activities Director for 2009-10 in the amount of \$75,000, plus benefits. M.C.U.

A motion was made by Rickett, second by Book, to offer Bob Hayes a 4% increase in the Jackson Elementary Principal's salary. M.C.U.

At 9:21 p.m., a motion was made by Gill, second by Kramper, to go into executive session "for the protection of the public interest". M.C.U. The executive session was declared over at 10:20 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rickett, second by Book, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes officially approved _____

Lorrie Huston, Secretary