

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca Elementary workroom. Advance notice of the meeting was publicly posted and given to all members of the Board of Education. Members present were Richard Dohma, John Gill, Kenton Book, and Doug Rickett. Absent: Phil Kramper and Gary Smith. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 29 visitors.

Superintendent William Thompson called the meeting to order and administered the Oath of Office to Richard Dohma, Kenton Book and John Gill. Richard Dohma was re-elected as Board President on a motion by Book, second by Rickett. Kramper and Smith joined the meeting at 7:36. Phil Kramper was elected as Board Vice President on a motion by Gill, second by Rickett. With a motion by Rickett, second by Smith, Lorrie Huston was appointed as Board Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made by Rickett, seconded by Gill, to approve the Agenda with the addition of 8(B)-Board Reports and deletion of 12(E)- District Property Rental. M.C.U. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Book, second by Rickett. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: the minutes of the December 20, 2010 Regular Board Meeting; the Treasurer's report showing a General Fund balance of \$320,185.63; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$18,406.81; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$79,578.05; the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$3,185.50; the General Fund bills of \$76,792.49; Building Fund checks of \$60.00; Construction Payment requisition to EAD Constructors, Inc. of \$552,022.20; and the opening for an Industrial Technology Instructor for the 2011-12 school year.

Principal Hayes reported that the Aimsweb testing will be done during the month of January and results will go out with the 3rd Quarter report cards.

Superintendent Thompson shared a letter from Morris Jacobsen, a substitute teacher in the Ponca School System, presented the Board with a transportation report, asked for input on an Open House date of April 10, 2011, and discussed the probable reduction of State Aid to the District.

The Construction Committee reported on the outcome of the roofing color discrepancy and Mark Miller of EAD asked for a decision on window caulking/flashing.

A motion was made by Rickett, second by Book, to approve the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. as the official meeting date and time, the official depository as the Bank of Dixon County and the official newspaper as the Nebraska Journal Leader. Voting Aye: Book, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Smith. Abstaining: Dohma M.C.

With a motion by Kramper, second by Smith, the Superintendent was designated as the custodian of the following accounts: School Activities Fund, Lunch Fund, Bond Fund, Building Fund, Depreciation Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, and Petty Cash Fund. The Superintendent will also be the Authorized Representative for all Federal and Special Education Programs. M.C.U.

On behalf of the Ponca Community Education Association, Lionel Froseth presented a check in the amount of \$127,518 to the Board. The money was raised during a Fundraising Blitz for the Fine Arts Project. The Board officially accepted the gift with a motion by Gill, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

Sean Masin informed the Board of the progress that has been made by the community committee researching the construction of a new football field and track complex.

Action on a District radio proposal to update radio communications for the school was tabled until next month's meeting.

Supt. Thompson presented the 2011-12 School Calendar to the Board for approval. With a motion by Gill, second by Book, the calendar was approved. M.C.U.

On a motion by Book, second by Rickett, the early separation request from David C. Watchorn, Industrial Technology Teacher, was accepted. M.C.U.

The Board continued the policy manual update with the following items:

A motion by Rickett, second by Book to approve Section II-Code 201.03 Qualifications second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Smith to approve Section II – Code 201.04 Oath of Office second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Rickett to approve Section II – Code 201.05 Term of Office second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Kramper, second by Gill to approve Section II – Code 201.06 Vacancies second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Smith to approve Section II – Code 201.07 Board Member Liability (Insurance) second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Rickett, second by Kramper to approve Section II – Code 202.02 Violations of Code of Ethics second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Rickett to approve Section II – Code 202.04 Self-Evaluation/Establishment of Goals second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Rickett to approve revision of Section II – Code 203.01 Board Organization Meeting. M.C.U.

A motion by Rickett, second by Smith to approve revision of Section II – Code 203.02 Officers of the Board. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Rickett to approve Section II-Code 203.03 Board Committees, listing the Americanism & Textbooks Committee and the Negotiations Committee, first reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Rickett, second by Gill to approve Section II – Code 203.04 Board Advisory Committees first reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Rickett, second by Book to approve Section II – Code 203.05 Legal Counsel first reading. M.C.U.

At 9:33 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Rickett, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary