

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 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, December 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca High School Art Room. Advance notice of the meeting was publicly posted and given to all members of the Board of Education. Members present were Gary Smith, Richard Dohma, Kenton Book, Phil Kramper, Doug Rickett and John Gill. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 3 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Kramper, second by Rickett, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The minutes of the November 14, 2011 School Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U. Smith made a motion to approve the financial reports and begin paying Instrumental and Vocal expenses from the General Fund instead of the Activity Fund accounts. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$598,171.43, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$140,081.26, a Bond Fund balance of \$349,692.35, a Building Fund Balance of \$1,716,225.77, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$5507.17, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$92,181.24, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$20,314.46. The motion was seconded by Kramper. M.C.U. General Fund Bills totaling \$106,001.89; Construction Payment Requests of \$186,010.38; Building Fund Disbursements of \$5693.47; Sports Complex Disbursements of \$30,425.32; Bond Fund Disbursements of \$412.50; and a Depreciation Fund Disbursement of \$90,000.00 (for 2 busses) were all approved with a motion by Rickett, second by Gill. M.C.U.

Administrative Reports:

Prin. Hayes reported that the Jackson and Ponca Elementary Christmas concerts went well and both schools are planning movie parties on December 21<sup>st</sup>. He also informed the Board that Ponca Football will be in the same district as Homer, Wisner-Pilger, Wakefield and Laurel-Concord for 2012 and 2013. An additional game with an out-of-district team will need to be included.

Principal Rinas added that semester tests will be administered on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and Christmas break begins on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The faculty returns on January 3<sup>rd</sup> with a staff development day planned. The students return on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Supt. Reznicek was instructed by Board members to contact attorney Dennis Hurley about drawing up the Deed for the Sports Complex land. She also informed Smith, Kramper and Rickett that their terms on the school board end in 2012. February 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for filing if they choose to run for office again. The scheduling of a possible conference call with Joe Hewgley for Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, and the street meeting with the city on Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> were also addressed. Supt. Reznicek suggested sending a letter to neighboring schools to inform them of the District's willingness to discuss consolidation options.

President Dohma recommended setting up a committee meeting during Christmas break to go over the construction budget.

It was noted by Supt. Reznicek that \$90,000 was paid out of the depreciation fund for two used busses. With only \$83,218.26 designated in the depreciation fund for transportation, the remaining \$6,781.74 will be used from the other sub accounts. After discussion, it was decided to maintain the separation of the three sub accounts in the depreciation fund for transportation, building equipment and instructional equipment.

Supt. Reznicek and Mrs. Hayes presented research on replacements for two copy machines at Ponca and one at Jackson. The new machines will be delivered in December by Executive Technologies and promise to save on copying costs for the district.

On a motion by Rickett, second by Book, the Board approved a \$2500.00 three year contract with SchoolReach Instant Parent Contact for an emergency calling system. M.C.U.

The remainder of the November billing in the amount of \$29,251.98 and the December billing in the amount of \$109,000.00 from Joseph Hewgley and Associates were presented for payment. Book made a motion to approve payment of \$29,251.98 to Joseph Hewgley and Associates subject to a committee meeting on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> with the architect. Committee members will be Book, Kramper, and Smith. Rickett seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett and Smith. Voting Nay: Gill. Motion carried 5-1.

Prin. Rinas gave an informative presentation on a recent grading conference which she had attended. Rinas spoke on the "15 Fixes for Broken Grades" that were covered at the conference.

On a motion by Rickett, second by Smith, the Board decided to compensate Supt. Reznicek for JH Girls' basketball coaching based on 4% of the bottom right, last step of the certificated employee's salary schedule. Any extra-curricular pay for an administrator shall be capped at that same step in the future. M.C.U.

At 10:00 p.m., on a motion by Kramper, second by Rickett, the Board went into executive session for the purpose of "the protection of the public interest". M.C.U. The session was declared over at 10:39 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m. on a motion by Kramper, second by Rickett.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary