

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 20, 2010

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 20, 2010 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, Phil Kramper, John Gill, and Kenton Book. Absent: Doug Rickett, Gary Smith. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 4 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. President Dohma excused members Rickett and Smith for work related absences. A motion was made by Book, seconded by Kramper, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The consent agenda with one addition was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Book. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: the minutes of the November 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting; the Treasurer's report showing a General Fund balance of \$410,413.11; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$16,645.95; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$76,507.09; the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$2,851.88; the General Fund bills of \$26,739.99; Building Fund checks of \$2,868.83; Construction Payment requisition to EAD Constructors, Inc. of \$415,098.00; Architect Statement #4 requisition to Hewgley & Associates, Inc. of \$55,883.24; the open enrollment out of the district of Levi Madsen (10<sup>th</sup> grade) and Savannah Kreisel (12<sup>th</sup> grade); and the addition of the open enrollment into the district of Garrett Anderson (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Gracey Anderson (1<sup>st</sup> grade).

Administrative Reports:

Principal Bob Hayes reported that the Elementary concerts had been well attended, Santa will be visiting the Elementary classes on December 21<sup>st</sup>, and 3-6 grades will be going to the movie theater in Sioux City on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Adam Poulosky assisted Hayes in updating the Board on the football field/track progress and asking for any questions or concerns. A formal presentation will be made at the January 2011 Board meeting.

Principal Michelle Rinas recognized and congratulated Ponca student Korah Kramper for her selection to the NSAA Believers and Achievers Program.

Superintendent William Thompson stated that the Fine Arts Fundraising Blitz was successful and the Gardner Grant had been applied for. A committee of Kramper, Gill, and Book was formed to oversee the use of funds raised.

Thompson also presented a preliminary 2011-12 school calendar and reminded the board of the January 15th early retirement application deadlines for certified staff, the January meeting election of officers, the January 13<sup>th</sup> construction meeting, and the January 23-24 NASB Legislative issues conference. He suggested that the Board may want to schedule an open house for the new high school and also provided an energy/cost saving estimate for the elementary lighting.

Supt. Thompson reviewed the bond issue allowances and depreciation funds.

Construction Report:

The construction committee is waiting for a decision from the roofing manufacturer on the discrepancy in the color. Pres. Dohma reviewed the Wells Fargo report for the finance committee.

Old Business: The Board continued the policy manual update with the following:

A motion by Book, second by Gill, to approve Section 1-Code 100 General Policy Statement second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Kramper, to approve Section 1-Code 102 Legal Status second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Kramper, to approve revision of Section 1 - Code 104 District Mission Statement to read "Ponca Public School is committed to building a solid educational foundation for all

individuals by providing a quality learning environment and promoting standards of excellence.”  
M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Gill to approve Section 1 – Code 105 Equal Educational Opportunity second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Kramper, second by Book to approve revision of Section 1-Code 106 School System Performance. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Kramper to approve Section 1 – Code 106.1 Annual School Census second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Gill to approve Section 1 – Code 107 Creation and Amendment of Board of Education Policies , with a paragraph from Code 107.1 added, second reading. M.C.U.

#### New Business:

Supt. Thompson presented information on the State Aid outlook for the 2011-12 Fiscal year.

Lorrie Huston reported that a FEMA Grant application for a tornado shelter “safe room” will be submitted for approval soon. Cara Conrad has generously offered her help with the application. The second section of the board policy manual was presented to the Board for their approval or revision. The following are the related proceedings:

A motion by Kramper, second by Gill to approve revision of Section II – Code 201.01 Board Powers and Responsibilities. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Book to approve revision of Section II – Code 201.02 Board Membership – Elections/Appointments. M.C.U.

A motion by Kramper, second by Gill to approve Section II – Code 201.03 Qualifications first reading. M.C.U.

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

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

A motion by Kramper, second by Book to approve Section II-Code 201.06 Vacancies first reading. M.C.U.

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

A motion by Book, second by Kramper to approve revision of Section II – Code 202.01 Board Member Code of Ethics. M.C.U.

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

A motion by Gill, second by Book to maintain existing Section II – Code 202.03 Board Member Conflict of Interest. M.C.U.

A motion by Kramper, second by Book to approve Section II – Code 202.04 Board Self-Evaluation first reading. M.C.U.

At 10:12 p.m. Kramper made a motion to go into executive session for “protection of the public interest”. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 10:44 p.m. by Pres. Dohma.

At 10:45 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Book, seconded by Gill, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary