

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 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, February 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the elementary media center. Advance notice of the meeting was publicly posted and given to all members of the Board of Education. Members present were Richard Dohma, Kenton Book, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Absent: Gary Smith and Doug Rickett. 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. A motion was made by Gill, second by Book, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Book, second by Kramper with a designation of the executive session to review the Superintendent Evaluations. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: the minutes of the January 18, 2010 Board Meeting; the Treasurer's report showing a General Fund balance of \$312,830.86; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$12,634.02; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$62,476.52; the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$3,177.43; the General Fund bills of \$27,898.11; and Building Fund checks of \$731.66.

Administrative Reports:

Prin. Rinas congratulated the Lewis & Clark conference honor band medal winners and the Spelling Bee winner. First place winners for honor band were Lauren Conrad and Jake Anderson. The winner of the Ponca Spelling Bee was Kianna Kramper who will go to the Dixon County Spelling Bee on February 23 along with Lorena Carmona, Tyler Davis, Lauren Brickett and Kelsea Fethkenher.

Prin. Hayes informed the Board that Aims Web testing for RtI was completed in Jackson and that the Jackson Elementary went roller skating for their Valentine's Day Party. He also congratulated wrestler Josh Watchorn for winning the District Championship in the 215 lb. weight class and qualifying for State.

Supt. Thompson reminded the Board that Open Enrollment applications are due by March 15th. A tentative date of March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. was set for a special meeting to review school construction bids.

Member Gary Smith joined the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

The annual NRCSA convention will be held March 23rd & 24th in Kearney. The Build America Bonds have been sold and the trustee will be Wells Fargo Bank. Architectural bills to date have been paid from those funds.

Stan Leigh, Fran Hassler and Nancy Walsh represented the PCEF and requested the Board's support for a fundraising campaign. They also asked the Board to assemble a list of items needed for the new school.

Member Doug Rickett joined the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Make-up school days were discussed but a decision will not be made until a later date.

Bids for the one-year lease of school-owned 14.2 acres near the football field were reviewed. With a motion by Rickett and a second by Kramper, the Board awarded the lease to Mark Bauman at \$2,485. M.C.U.

With a motion by Book, second by Smith, Driver's Education tuition for Summer 2010 was set at \$185 for resident students and \$250 for non-residents. Dan Loofe was approved as the Driver's Ed instructor to be paid \$115 per student. M.C.U.

Kramper made a motion to approve the payment by April 1st of the annual NASB membership in the amount of \$3,116. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The Ponca Education Association was recognized as the sole exclusive bargaining representative for certified teachers of the Ponca Public School District on a motion by Book, second by Rickett. M.C.U. The Board will meet with the entire PEA prior to the beginning of negotiations.

William F. Thompson, Supt. was designated as account custodian of the Employee Benefit and Depreciation Funds on a motion by Kramper, second by Rickett. M. C.U.

The discussion of the Principal's contract was tabled until the March meeting.

At 6:09 p.m., Rickett made a motion, second by Kramper, to go into Executive Session for "the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if the individual has not requested a public meeting". M.C.U. President Dohma declared the session over at 7:16 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Jackson Elementary School on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:17 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Book, second by Rickett, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary