

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JULY 15, 2009

The regular 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 Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 7:30 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, Phil Kramper, Gary Smith and John Gill. Member Doug Rickett was in attendance electronically by telephone. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Princ. Michelle Rinas, Princ. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 4 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Kramper, second by Gill, to approve the agenda. M.C.U. The consent agenda with the addition of the Junior High Track coach contract was approved with a motion by Book, second by Smith. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$734,012.37; the activity fund showing \$41,854.43; the Jackson activity fund of \$3,510.12; the hot lunch fund showing a balance of \$3,218.18; the July general fund bills of \$65,171.12; the transfer from general fund to hot lunch fund of \$7000.00; the updated June building fund disbursements of \$46,700.00; and the approval of Jamie Hamar as Junior High Track Coach at 2.5% of base salary.

Administrative Reports: Prin. Hayes reported that the fence is being installed at Jackson Elementary. Supt. Thompson reminded board members of the finance workshop in Lincoln on July 23; discussed hot lunch prices charged by other schools and the free and reduced reimbursement prices for the new school year; gave a report on the mileage and ages of vehicles owned by the District; and informed the board of two individuals going through bus driver training.

The President stated it was necessary for the board to consider the calling of a bond election. After discussion, Board Member Kramper introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution to hold a bond election on September 15, 2009. Such election will propose the issue of bonds for the purpose of constructing a new junior/senior high school with the principal amount not to exceed \$9,520,000. After the resolution was read in its entirety, Member Gill seconded the motion for its passage and adoption. The following members voted in favor of the passage and adoption of said Resolution: Gill, Kramper, Smith, Book, Dohma and Rickett. M.C.U.

Book made the motion to approve the proposed contract between the district and the architects, Joseph Hewgley & Associates, subject to clarification of the civil engineer costs and the signature of President Dohma. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Prin. Rinas and Mrs. Stewart gave a report on curriculum alignment and the language arts standards adopted by the State.

The first reading of the board policy revision adding policy number 6.0 ASSESSMENTS-ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARDS, in regards to the revised State Language Arts Standards, was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. M.C.U.

A motion was made by Book, second by Smith, to amend Board policy 4.2(B) TEACHER CONTRACTS to read "The term of the contract for certified faculty shall be for one hundred eighty-five (185) days unless specified otherwise. The Secondary Guidance Counselor's contract shall be for one hundred ninety-five (195) days." M.C.U.

A motion was made by Book, second by Gill, to approve an addition to Board policy 6.6(A) GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, concerning courses taken somewhere other than Ponca Public School. M.C.U.

Board policy 6.51 GRADUATION PARTICIPATION was revised to define student participation in the District commencement ceremony on a motion by Kramper, second by Book. M.C.U.

Board policy 6.51 was further amended to define the cutoff time as 4:00 p.m. on the day of the graduation ceremony on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. M.C.U.

A motion was made by Gill, second by Smith, to adopt the Budget Timeline for 2009-10 with two public hearings and a special board meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2009 at 8:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. respectively. M.C.U.

The board decided to table the ratification of the Master Agreement with the PEA.

Kramper moved to approve the annual Nebraska Rural Community School Association (NRCSA) membership dues of \$700 for the 2009-10 school year. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

At 9:38 p.m., Book made a motion, second by Smith, to go into executive session "to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest". M.C.U. The executive session was over at 9:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Gill, second by Book to approve a wage increase of 5% and a \$50 increase in district insurance contribution for non-certified personnel. M.C.U.

At 10:00 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Kramper, second by Book, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary

Minutes officially approved _____