

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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, March 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jackson Elementary School. 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, Gary Smith and John Gill. Absent: Doug Rickett and Kenton Book. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 15 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Gill, second by Smith, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The following additions and deletions were made to the consent agenda: Add the March 2, 2010 special meeting minutes, table the cheerleading sponsor resignations, add the Architect's bill of \$135,725.86, and add the 2010/11 open enrollment application into the District for Kindergartner Allie Messerlie from South Sioux City. The consent agenda, with changes, was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. M.C.U. The other items included in the consent agenda are as follows: the minutes of the February 15, 2010 Board Meeting; the Treasurer's report showing a General Fund balance of \$329,521.93; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$11,820.70; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$74,398.98; the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$2,159.15; the General Fund bills of \$79,427.18; Building Fund checks of \$1,126.43; construction fund requisition of \$2300.00 to be paid to Wells Fargo for administration charges; 2010-11 enrollment option request out of District for 3rd Grader Jacob Kneifl to Emerson-Hubbard school district; and the approval of Marcus Papenhausen as 2009/10 Junior High track coach.

Administrative Reports:

Principal Rinas listed the upcoming school events: Winter Activities program on March 16th, Dixon County Health Fair on March 17th, 3-12 Grade Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 18th, Class C All-State Band in Kearney March 19-20, Senior Trip to Afton Alps on March 19th, external visitation team for school improvement goals on March 24th, and "All Shook Up" musical March 26-27. Ms. Rinas also reviewed the results of the 2009-10 school climate survey.

Prin. Hayes reported that Spring sports of Golf and Track have started and that the Jackson Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences would be March 25th. Hayes also addressed the Pre-School age qualification law stating that if a student is 5 years old by October 15th, he or she cannot attend a Nebraska public pre-school.

Supt. Thompson reviewed the 2010/11 budget timeline, State Aid Report, Stimulus Dollars and the Elementary Site Allowance.

The Finance Committee reported a request to D.A. Davidson and Wells Fargo to research possible rates for investment dollars.

At 8:05, Doug Rickett joined the meeting by conference call.

At 8:30, Kenton Book joined the meeting by conference call.

Representatives from Joseph Hewgley and Associates and EAD Constructors itemized the viable options for lowering costs on the construction project. The Deductions were considered by the board. The Board discussed using a different type of brick on front of school and changing the slope on the library roof. Both decisions will be dependent upon cost savings. Kramper requested removal of the

landscaping from the contract. Ryan Stearns informed the Board that he is researching FEMA grant money.

Gill moved that the District enter into a contract with EAD Constructors based on \$8,605,000 with changes that were discussed and with a \$15,000 allowance for canopy design. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting aye: Gill, Kramper, Smith, Dohma. Rickett and Book voted aye by phone. M.C.U. Communication was ended with Book and Rickett.

A request was made by Patti Boyle and Nikki Carnell to amend the policy on personal days for non-certified nine-month staff to read: "after the first year of service, on the 2nd year, non-certified, nine month staff members will receive 1 personal day, and after the 5th year of service, on the 6th year receive 2 personal days, and after the 10th year of service, on the 11th year receive 3 personal days, and after the 20th year receive 4 personal days". With a motion by Smith, second by Kramper, the policy was approved. M.C.U.

Supt. Thompson recommended that, due to the number of school days missed this year, the 2009-10 calendar be extended to Wednesday, May 26th with teacher in-service days on May 27 & 28. Kramper moved to approve the recommendation with a second by Gill. M.C.U.

After discussion, the Board decided with a motion by Smith, second by Kramper, to leave pre-school tuition for the 2010-11 school year at \$16.00/day. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the acceptance of gifts and/or donations from the PCEF towards purchasing items for the new high school project. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

With a motion by Kramper, second by Smith, the Board went into executive session at 10:10 p.m. 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. The session was declared over at 10:28 p.m.

Kramper moved to offer a one-year contract to Michelle Rinas as High School Principal and Activities Director for 2010-11 in the amount of \$79,000 plus benefits. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

At 10:30 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Gill, seconded by Kramper, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary