

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2009

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, November 16, 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, Doug Rickett, Phil Kramper, Gary Smith, and John Gill. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 5 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Rickett, second by Smith, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Board Meeting; the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$378,216.91; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$12,433.02; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$56,632.97 and the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$2,503.27; the General Fund bills of \$27,976.67 and the Building Fund bills of \$3,107.75.

Administrative Reports: Principal Bob Hayes reported that Direct TV had been installed in the Jackson school and that the pre-K through 2nd grade was preparing for their Christmas Concert in Ponca on December 11th. Principal Rinas informed the Board that 24 Ponca students were selected to the Honor Choir at the 2009 Conference Vocal Clinic and recognized Aaron Bostwick and Eric Watchorn for qualifying for All-State Chorus. Supt. Thompson reminded the Board that the State Education Conference was Nov. 18-20 in Omaha and on Nov. 30th the City Council would hold the first of 3 required readings to close Washington Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets. He stated that he will be taking a temporary leave of absence sometime in January or February for medical reasons and that Marcia Herring from the Dept. of Education will assist in finding an interim replacement. A statement from Hewgley and Associates was presented in the amount of \$218,825.96 for payment in December.

The Board discussed the sale of district bonds for new school construction. Combinations of Build America Bonds and traditional tax-exempt bonds were discussed. P.J. Greiger from D.A. Davidson Company will draft the resolution for the sale of the bonds and the resolution will be presented at the next board meeting.

The FY '09 Annual Financial Report and District Audit was presented to the Board. On a motion by Rickett, second by Smith, the reports were approved. M.C.U.

The following 2009-10 Board Goals were adopted with a motion from Gill, second by Rickett: Goal #1: The Board will actively explore cooperative agreements with neighboring school districts to share personnel, programs, or services. Goal #2: Administration and staff will continue district wide efforts to align curriculum in all core areas. Goal #3: The Board of Education will identify and adopt a committee structure to support education and decision-making. Goal #4: The board, administrators, and appropriate staff will work to identify a plan to address curriculum and technology needs to support education. Supt. Thompson will work with Mrs. Hayes on replacing some of the outdated computers with new laptops using Stimulus monies. M.C.U.

With a motion by Rickett, second by Book, the temporary administrative realignment to accommodate the short term absences of Supt. Thompson was approved. M.C.U. Additional faculty will be assigned to assist

with winter activity supervision and Mr. Hayes will assume the duties as principal of both Jackson and Ponca Elementary centers. Mr. Hayes will also be in charge of the transportation scheduling for the district.

Changes made to the Pre-K enrollment application were reviewed and approved by the board on a motion by Smith, second by Kramper. M.C.U. The changes would allow for termination of enrollment upon delinquent payment or failure of parents to comply with school rules. They would also prevent Kindergarten-eligible students from enrolling in the Pre-K program.

At 9:11 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Rickett, second by Kramper, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorrie Huston, Secretary