

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 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, November 15, 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, Gary Smith, Phil Kramper, John Gill, and Kenton Book. Absent: Doug Rickett. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 6 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Book, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. Rickett joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The consent agenda with the exception to hold payment #4 of \$55,883.24 from Hewgley & Associates, Inc. was approved on a motion by Book, seconded by Smith. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: the minutes of the October 18, 2010 Regular Board Meeting; the Treasurer's report showing a General Fund balance of \$612,904.30; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$20,891.70; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$86,305.39; the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$2,577.18; the General Fund bills of \$71,345.08; Building Fund checks of \$120.00; Bond Payment to York State Bank of \$133,812.50; Construction Payment requisition to EAD Constructors, Inc. of \$904,251.60; Architect Payment #4 requisition to Hewgley & Associates, Inc. of \$55,883.24; the open enrollment into the district of Michael Johnson (6th grade), Wesley Johnson (10th grade), and Gage Rogers (1st grade); the open enrollment out of the district of Chris Uhl (7th grade) and Austen Fey (12th grade); and the recommendation to approve Heather Bennett as 2010-11 assistant girls' basketball coach at 4% of base pay.

Administrative Reports:

Principal Hayes informed the Board of the Ponca Elementary Concert on December 3rd, the Jackson Elementary Concert on December 10th, and the Fall Awards Night on November 22nd. The Reading Curriculum Team will have their first meeting on November 19 to begin the search for a new 3-6 grade reading program.

Principal Rinas recognized Mrs. Lowe, the Ponca Staff and Music Boosters for their work hosting a successful Conference Vocal Music Clinic and concert on November 8th. She also thanked Mrs. Hassler, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Kardell, Mr. Thompson and the Student Councils for a meaningful Veteran's Day Program. On Thursday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m. there will be a send-off for Mrs. Lowe and the All-State Music Qualifiers: Christiana O'Neill, Korah Kramper, Jacob Oswald, Isaac Bennett, and Aaron Bostwick.

Supt. Thompson reminded the Board of the Nebraska School Board convention this week. He also distributed the ESU #1 Annual Report and the District Crisis and Emergency Management Plan. Thompson informed the Board of new FCC regulations and the research he had been doing on a new communication system for busses and school district offices. Fremont National Bank in Fremont, Nebraska will be handling the Elementary Bond Payments due to the closing of the York State Bank Trust Department.

The School Construction Committee Reported that the roof will be on the building within the week and the bricklayers and electricians are on site. An estimate for repair of the boiler on the 1974 addition will be done to determine the cost effectiveness of repair or replacement.

Supt. Thompson distributed and reviewed the FY 2010 District Audit and AFR. A motion was made by Kramper to accept the FY 2010 District Audit. Second by Rickett. M.C.U.

The District Policy Manual is in the process of being updated by the Board and Supt. Thompson. The first section of the manual was reviewed.

Rickett made a motion to pass the first reading to adopt Section 1 – Code: 100 General Policy Statement as a new policy. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Kramper made a motion to retain Section 1 – Code: 101 Welcome and Introduction. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Book made a motion to pass the first reading to adopt Section 1 – Code: 102 Legal Status as a new policy. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Rickett made a motion to retain Section 1 – Code: 103 Philosophy of Education. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Kramper made a motion to table Section 1 – Code: 104 Mission Statement until the December meeting and to form a committee for revision of the statement. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Gill made a motion to pass the first reading to adopt Section 1- Code: 105 Equal Educational Opportunity as a new policy. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Policy Section 1 – Code: 106 is under further revision.

Rickett made a motion to pass the first reading to adopt Section 1 – Code: 106.1 Annual School Census as a new policy. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Gill made a motion to pass the first reading to adopt Section 1-Code: 107 Creation & Amendment of Board of Education Policies. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U. The procedure for distribution of policies will be added to Code 107.

Supt. Thompson will be meeting with Russ Inbody and Bryce Wilson at the Nebraska Department of Education to discuss the Elementary Site Allowance which is part of the State Aid package.

Supt. Thompson submitted his letter of resignation to the Board . The resignation, effective at the end of the current contract (June 30, 2011), was accepted on a motion by Book, second by Rickett. M.C.U. The Board members expressed their appreciation for the work Thompson has done as Superintendent of the Ponca School District.

At 9:25 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Rickett, seconded by Gill, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary