

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2011

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 21, 2011 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 Doug Rickett, John Gill, Richard Dohma, Kenton Book and Phil Kramper. Absent: Gary Smith. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Prin. Bob Hayes, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 17 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Book, seconded by Rickett, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The consent agenda, with the addition of Trish Swetnam's resignation as One-Act co-sponsor (pending suitable replacement) and Joann Hogan's resignation as Second Grade teacher, was approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Gill. M.C.U. The consent agenda also included the following: the minutes of the February 21, 2011 Board meeting; the Treasurer's report showing a General Fund balance of \$442,899.69; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$23,477.41; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$83,095.34; the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$4,333.83; the General Fund bills of \$97,967.80; Construction Payment requisition to EAD Constructors, Inc. of \$651,369.75; and the open enrollment, into the District, of Madelyn Jones. Board member Gary Smith's work related absence from the meeting was excused on a motion by Kramper, second by Book. M.C.U.

Nick Sullivan informed the Board on the progress of the alumni photos display project. It was decided to wall-mount the display and to auction the original photos in May. The Board thanked Nick and the Alumni committee for all of their work.

Keith Trusty urged the Board to consider all surrounding schools as co-op options if a decision is made to proceed that way with wrestling.

Administrative Reports:

Prin. Rinas reported on a successful senior class trip to Minnesota. She also congratulated the Class C All State Band Qualifiers who are Aaron Bostwick, Korah Kramper, Lauren Conrad, Dustin Brewer, Jake Anderson and Krystal Richards. The music department will be presenting "A Broadway Revue" on April 1 & 2.

Prin. Hayes informed the Board that ITBS testing was complete, parent-teacher conferences were held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Winter Activities awards program would be March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m., and talks are being conducted with the City to use the Community Center for temporary weight training and locker rooms this fall.

Joann Todd and Tiffany Lamprecht demonstrated the new Smartboard which was recently won from HyVee.

Supt. Thompson reminded the Board of the NRCSA convention in Kearney on March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, provided examples of policies dealing with school property sales, and informed the board of the law on elementary class size allowance possibly being extended.

Board Committee Reports:

The construction committee reported the estimate for the canopy cost was higher than our allowance. An adjustment would need to be made to the size of the canopy.

With a motion by Gill, second by Book, the Board approved the following: “the Board needs to discuss, consider, and take all necessary action regarding the discontinuance, reduction, or changes in subject areas, programs, and teaching positions relating to the instructional and administrative programs of the Ponca Public School District effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year by reason of increasing costs, decrease in State aid, decline in the taxable value of property located within the school district, budget limitations, and other administrative financial factors.” M.C.U.

Mary Husen and Joann Todd presented their committee’s findings on the new reading series research for the elementary grades. They have decided on the Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Treasures series and will have final costs at the April meeting.

The Board discussed the option to change trustees for the Build America Bonds from Wells Fargo to Southwest Trust. More information on cost of such a change was needed before a decision could be made.

With a motion by Book, second by Rickett, the Board voted to present the ten percent retainage to the contractor, EAD Constructors, Inc., in a timely fashion after completion of Phase I of the construction project. M.C.U.

It was decided the pre-school tuition would remain at \$16.00 per day on a motion by Rickett, second by Gill. M.C.U.

Rickett made a motion to purchase a bus communication system from Tri-State Communications, Inc. as bid, pending a satisfactory monthly fee. Book seconded the motion. M.C.U. The funds set aside in the depreciation fund will be used to pay for the system.

The Board continued the policy manual update with the following items:

A motion by Rickett, second by Gill, to approve Section II-Code 204.01 Regular Board Meetings second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Kramper, second by Book, to approve Section II – Code 204.02 Special Board Meetings second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Rickett, second by Gill, to approve Section II – Code 204.03 Public Hearings second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Book, to approve Section II – Code 204.04 Work Sessions and Retreats second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Kramper, to approve Section II – Code 204.05 Open Meetings second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Rickett, to approve Section II – Code 204.06 Closed Sessions second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Gill, to approve Section II – Code 204.07 Meeting Notice second reading with additions of 48 hr. notice and open meetings reference. M.C.U.

A motion by Kramper, second by Rickett to approve Section II – Code 204.08 Quorum second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Rickett, second by Kramper, to approve Section II – Code 204.09 Rules of Order second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Rickett, to approve Section II – Code 204.10 Agenda second reading with “in writing” added. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Rickett, to approve Section II – Code 204.12 Public Participation in Board Meetings second reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Rickett, second by Kramper, to approve Section II – Code 205.01 Policy Development first two paragraphs only of NASB model policy, first reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Kramper, second by Book, to approve Section II – Code 205.02 Policy Adoption NASB model policy, first reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Rickett, to approve Section II – Code 205.03 Policy Review and Revision first reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Gill, to approve Section II – Code 205.04 Policy Communication first reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Rickett, second by Gill, to approve Section II – Code 206.01 New Board Member Orientation policy developed by Karen Haase, first reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Book, second by Kramper, to approve Section II – Code 206.03 Board Member Development Opportunities NASB model policy, first reading. M.C.U.

A motion by Gill, second by Rickett, to approve Section II – Code 206.04 Board Member Compensation & Expenses NASB model policy, first reading. M.C.U.

At 9:48 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Rickett, seconded by Book, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary