

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 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, September 20, 2010 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, and John Gill. Absent: Doug Rickett, Gary Smith. 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. Doug Rickett and Gary Smith were excused by President Dohma. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Book, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: the minutes of the August 18, 2010 and August 26, 2010 Board Meetings; the Treasurer's report showing a General Fund balance of \$264,657.13; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$21,600.03; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$65,481.79; the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$2,883.95; the General Fund bills of \$68,668.79; Building Fund checks of \$1798.00; and Construction Payment requisition of \$295,144.20.

Administrative Reports:

Principal Rinas described the upcoming Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey to be taken by students in grades 8, 10 & 12 in their English classes. She also recapped this year's Homecoming activities with the dance being held after coronation instead of after the football game. Principal Hayes reported that the fifth grade classroom would be moving to the elementary library room on September 21<sup>st</sup>. He also stated that Aimsweb testing had been done for grades K-6. Supt. Thompson talked about the progress on the new school construction. He also informed the Board of the October 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in Jackson, the NASB State conference in Omaha Nov. 17-19, the General Election on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> for 3 school board members, and the next construction meeting on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3-8 & 11 took the NESAs reading test this year. It compares student scores from across the State of Nebraska. Next year they will take the NESAs math test and the following year will be the science test. Results will be available at parent-teacher conferences.

Board Committee Reports:

Site Preparation Committee – Dirt and rock as well as electrical outlets will be added to the northeast corner of elementary area for bus parking during the winter.

Finance Committee – A copy of the Wells Fargo monthly statement was distributed.

New Business:

Vance Donnelly requested a transfer of his property from the Ponca School district to the South Sioux City School district. No Board action was taken.

Joan Taylor approached the Board with a request for increased pay for shuttle bus supervision duties. A committee of Thompson, Hayes, Kramper and Gill was formed to look into the matter.

As spokesperson for a group of community members, Bob Hayes informed the Board that there is interest to start fundraising for a new football field/track facility. The Board asked to be informed as to any developments with the group.

Cara Conrad presented the Board with ideas for grant writing opportunities.

Supt. Thompson read the resolution to adopt the Cedar and Dixon Counties Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The resolution was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Book. M.C.U.

Supt. Thompson reviewed the ARRA Stabilization Application for 2010-11. After discussion, Gill made a motion to approve the application, Book seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The Board discussed the District's Early Retirement Incentive Plan. With a motion by Book, second by Kramper, the Board approved offering the plan to certified faculty in the 2010-11 school year. M.C.U.

At 8:50 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