

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 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, Phil Kramper, Gary Smith, and John Gill. Absent: Doug Rickett. 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 Kramper, second by Gill, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The consent agenda was approved with the addition of the August 27th Special Meeting minutes on a motion by Book, second by Smith. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: the minutes of the August 17, 2009 and August 27, 2009 Board Meetings; the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$91,550.89; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$15,496.02; and the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$39,355.65 and the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$3,362.12; the General Fund bills of \$79,875.44 and the Building Fund bills of \$17,342.64.

Administrative Reports: Prin. Rinas reported that the week of homecoming from Sep 14-18 was a very positive week with plenty of student involvement. Princ. Hayes discussed the possibility of continuing the preschool scholarship program this year. The board confirmed that it would be continued on the condition that donors could be found. Cost is approximately \$250/month. Recess will be first thing in the mornings for 1st and 2nd grade students to allow for more class time. Supt. Thompson cited the passage of the bond issue and the official count of the bond vote at 659 "for" and 421 "against". He also noted that the October Board Meeting will be at the Jackson Elementary School. P.J. Grieger, the school's financial consultant, will be at the meeting. September 25, 2009 is the official count day for the number of students in the district. There is a Board workshop in Norfolk on Sept. 23rd and the NASB convention in Omaha Nov. 19-21.

After discussion, a motion was made by Kramper, second by Gill, to offer the early retirement incentive plan to eligible district employees in 2009-10. Employees are to be notified by November 1st. M.C.U.

Supt. Thompson presented a copy of the Board goals for 2009. Two of the major goals have been completed. The Board decided to contact Marcia Herring to facilitate the goal development workshop for 2010.

The board discussed specific activities necessary after the passage of the bond vote, beginning with the sale and/or removal of residential properties on the west block. A tentative auction date of October 31st was set.

At 8:30 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Gill, second by Smith, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary

Minutes officially approved _____