

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2013

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, January 21, 2013 in the Ponca High School Art room. 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, Monte Burki, Phil Kramper, Doug Rickett, and John Gill. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 6 visitors.

An Oath of Office was read by each of the six Board members. Superintendent Reznicek called for nominations of officers for 2012. Richard Dohma was elected Board President on a nomination by Book, second by Rickett. Kenton Book was elected Vice President on a nomination by Burki, second by Gill. Lorrie Huston was nominated by Dohma as Secretary/Treasurer with a second by Book.

Gary Smith was recognized and thanked by the Board and Ponca Education Association for his service as a School Board member.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Rickett, second by Gill to approve the Agenda. M.C.U.

The minutes of the December 17, 2012 and January 7, 2013 Board meetings were approved on a motion by Book, second by Rickett. M.C.U. Gill made a motion to approve the financial reports, second by Burki. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$195,270.42, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$150,301.01, a Bond Fund balance of \$444,741.98, a Building Fund Balance of \$126,109.44, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$6,038.21, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$103,749.08, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$20,144.55. General Fund bills totaling \$88,052.63; and Sports Complex disbursements of \$37.85 were all approved with a motion by Book second by Rickett. M.C.U.

The following students exercised their open enrollment option: Austin and Alison Brennan, Landon and Carson Fox, Dalton and Darian Anderson, Ely and Brook McCluskey.

Principal Hayes reported a smooth start to the second semester and upcoming Response to Intervention testing for the elementary. Girls' conference basketball tournament games will start on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The boys' conference basketball tournament games will start on January 28<sup>th</sup> with Ponca hosting a consolation round on January 31<sup>st</sup>. C1 & C2 District football will change to sending only 16 teams to the playoffs.

Principal Rinas added that the State writing tests for 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grades will be done this week and explained how they are administered. She also recognized the Sr. High Band students who auditioned and performed in the Lewis and Clark Honor Band. Ponca won the concert audience attendance award for the second year in a row.

Superintendent Reznicek distributed a list of Board members' addresses, phone numbers and committee assignments. A change was made to the technology committee replacing Dohma with Book. She also reported on the denial of the Gardner grant for the playground, the preliminary proposed reduction in State Aid, immediate advertising for new teachers, the School Improvement Team meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>, and the professional development day on March 4<sup>th</sup> for the faculty and staff. The school door issue has not yet been resolved and the final payment has not been made to EAD Constructors. The door manufacturer sent a representative on January 18<sup>th</sup> to inspect the problem. Supt. Reznicek will maintain constant communication with the companies involved and emphasize the urgency of a resolution.

The playground committee will schedule a meeting date to further discuss funding possibilities.

Rickett moved to accept the resignation of Assistant Volleyball Coach Kim Krause. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The Bank of Dixon County was designated as the Official Depository for Ponca Public Schools on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Burki. Abstaining: Dohma.

The Nebraska Journal Leader was designated as the Official Newspaper for Ponca Public Schools on a motion by Kramper, second by Book. M.C.U.

Superintendent Joan Reznicek was designated as Official Accounts Custodian for the School Activities Fund, Lunch Fund, Bond Fund, Building Fund, Depreciation Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, and Petty Cash Fund and to be the Authorized Representative for Special Education and all Federal Programs on a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the expenses for the NCSA/NASB Education Forum conference on February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in Kearney. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Rickett made a motion to approve the expenses for the NRCSA Legislative Forum on February 20<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Book moved to approve the expenses for the NASB Back to the Basics of School Law Seminar on March 13<sup>th</sup> in Norfolk. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Expenses for the NRCSA Spring Conference on March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> in Kearney were approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Gill. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek explained the requirement to have a policy in place on the use of restraints and seclusion of students. To be without the policy by February 1, 2013 would be a violation of Rule 10. Rickett made a motion, seconded by Burki to bypass the second reading and adopt the Use of Restraints and Seclusion Policy in order to be in compliance. M.C.U.

The policy committee will meet on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to begin work on the new policy book.

The letters of resignation effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year from Mrs. Pauline Miller, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Patricia Swetnam, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, and Ms. Gail Wierda, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, were given to the Board.

Book moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Miller. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Rickett moved to accept the resignation of Mrs. Swetnam. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to accept the resignation of Ms. Wierda. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U.

All three teachers made application and qualified for the early leave incentive pay.

The Board members were reminded of the Feasibility Study meetings on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Newcastle and on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Ponca. Discussion ensued on the proposals made in the study.

Supt. Reznicek will schedule a meeting of the core group in the near future.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on February 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca High School Art Room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary