

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 19, 2012

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 19, 2012 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 Gary Smith, John Gill, Richard Dohma, Kenton Book, Phil Kramper, and Doug Rickett. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 13 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Rickett, second by Gill to approve the Agenda with the addition of an additional resignation. M.C.U.

The minutes of the February 18, 2012 School Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Book. M.C.U. Book made a motion to approve the financial reports, second by Smith. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$532,468.93, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$58,808.09, a Bond Fund balance of \$469,055.54, a Building Fund Balance of \$1,165,429.67, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$508.79, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$120,612.14, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$25,882.83. General Fund Bills totaling \$40,418.30; Construction Payment Requests of \$230,135.29; and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$48,881.83 were all approved with a motion by Smith second by Gill. M.C.U. Rickett moved to accept the following open enrollment option requests into the district for 2011-12 of Brady Mathis and Alexondra Rohde and for 2012-13 of Kelsi Holgate, Josi Holgate, Brady Mathis, Isabell Gallardo, Emma Kneifl, Nicholas Kneifl, Austen Dendinger, Connor Day, Kaci Day, Kennedy Harding, Sarah Harding, Sydney Harding, and Brailyn Hogan. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Principal Hayes noted the upcoming pre-school open house on April 3rd, Kindergarten Roundup on April 5th and the MAP testing for Grades 3-6 the last week of March. He also recognized the following All Conference Athletes: Megan Pollard, Trenton Peterson, Seth O'Neill, Jesse Walsh and Honorable Mention: Alexis Markworth. Spring practices have started with 28 Girls and 25 Boys participating in Track, and 16 Boys participating in Golf.

Principal Rinas informed the Board of the recent Senior trip to Afton Alps, the Dixon County Health Fair in Allen on March 28th, the Swing Choir performance at the NRCSA convention, the Stand for the Silent Anti-Bullying Program on March 29th, and the school musical "Into The Woods" on March 30th and 31st. She also recognized Coach Hayes and the Boys' Basketball Team for qualifying for the State Tournament and the following students for qualifying for Class C All-State Band: Lauren Conrad, Lauren Brickett, Spencer Criddle and Katie Anderson.

Supt. Reznicek reported that a transition team has been established to aid the Ponca and Newcastle students involved in cooperative activities. A core team of Board members has also been formed to look at a feasibility study for the two districts. Once the number of cooping students in each activity is certain, Hayes and Reznicek will visit with the NSAA concerning class sizes. Reznicek also commented she is pushing students and parents to stay focused in the 4th quarter, she will be attending the NRCSA convention this week, and there is a possibility of getting a salad bar in the lunch room.

Rickett provided the Board with information on two busses available at Masters Transportation in Kearney. The recently purchased 2009 bus has had mechanical problems and will be traded if a replacement is found.

Dohma reported that the "School Board As Judge and Jury" workshop was very informative and Kramper suggested sending the Principals to a similar workshop in the future.

The construction meeting of March 15th was discussed and American Fence had been out to measure for hand rails. Joe Hewgley had attended the meeting and was very helpful. In each of the months of March, April and May, one-third of the remaining balance of Hewgley's charges will be paid.

On a motion by Rickett, second by Gill, the 2012-13 pre-school tuition was set at \$12.00 per day with a 20% discount if the family qualified for free or reduced priced lunches. M.C.U.

The first reading of a new kindergarten early entrance policy which revises age requirements for kindergarten admission beginning with the 2012-13 year was approved on a motion by Smith, second by Book. M.C.U.

The Board approved the resignation of Meagan Pieper as head volleyball coach on a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U.

The 2012-13 EHA rates showing an increase of 2.99% were distributed to Board members.

After hearing from wrestling coach Keith Trusty and discussion on the matter, Rickett made a motion to reinstate wrestling as a sport for Ponca School. Book seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Gill made a motion to approve the addition of an assistant track coach for the 2012 season. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek opened discussion on hiring second assistant coaches for the 2012-13 school year. No action was taken.

A suggestion was made by Supt. Reznicek to establish an out of state tuition rate if the need arises to charge such tuition. The Board asked that more information be brought to a future board meeting before any action would be taken.

A resolution approving a cooperative sponsorship agreement between the Ponca and Newcastle schools was read and approved on a motion by Book, second by Smith. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek read Bob Hayes' letter of resignation as head boys' basketball coach. Rickett made a motion to accept the resignation, second by Smith. M.C.U. The Board thanked Mr. Hayes for his many years of service.

At 9:05, Gill made a motion to go into executive session "to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person". Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 10:00 p.m.

Kramper made a motion to increase the salary for Bob Hayes' Athletic Director position to 11% of Step 16MA +27 on the negotiated teacher's salary schedule and increase his Elementary Principal salary to \$72,331 for the 2012-13 year. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Book made a motion to increase the salary for Michelle Rinas' Curriculum Assessment Coordinator position to 11% of Step 16MA+27 on the negotiated teacher's salary schedule and increase her Secondary Principal salary to \$83,631. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The next meeting date will be April 10, 2012 at 8:00 p.m in the Ponca High School Art room. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. on a motion by Kramper, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary