

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MAY 21, 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, May 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. 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 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 9 visitors. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma.

Rickett moved to approve the agenda. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Rickett indicated the following correction to the April 10, 2012 minutes: the Board approved the ball field purchase agreement to sell 4.625 acres to the "Better Ponca Foundation" not to the "City of Ponca" as stated. The minutes of the April 10, 2012 School Board Meeting were approved with the stated correction on a motion by Book, second by Rickett. M.C.U. Kramper made a motion to approve the financial reports, second by Smith. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$390,633.76, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$50,183.88, a Bond Fund balance of \$529,084.71, a Building Fund Balance of \$717,559.57, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$496.83, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$102,169.78, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$22,025.01. General Fund Bills totaling \$51,685.61; Construction Payment Request of \$143,070.00; Building Fund Disbursements of \$10,137.56; Fine Arts Project Disbursement of \$3,420.00; Sports Complex Disbursements of \$122,315.25; and an interest payment to BOK Financial of \$175,299.60 from the Bond Fund were all approved with a motion by Smith, second by Book.

Principal Hayes reported that the 4th, 5th & 6th grade classes took a successful field trip to Lincoln on May 15th and received many compliments on their behavior. He also stated that spring MAP testing was complete and 74% of elementary students had improved since the fall testing.

Principal Rinas thanked the Board members and Supt. Reznicek for hosting the staff pancake breakfast. She also recognized Fran Hassler for being the coordinator of the cooperative partnership transition team and being instrumental in planning the public information night for Ponca and Newcastle schools. Ms. Rinas will be going with the music students who are taking a trip to Chicago from May 25th to 29th.

Supt. Reznicek reminded the Board of the retreat scheduled for June 9th at 8:00 a.m. The playground area is in the early planning stages for surfacing, layout and equipment. Dohma, Book and Gill were notified that the PEA negotiators are ready to begin negotiations next week.

A.D. Hayes recognized State golf qualifier Trenton Peterson and State track qualifiers Hailey Pollard, Lexie Eifert, Blake Hamar, Sam Burki and Jesse Walsh. He also informed the Board that the Lewis & Clark Conference had accepted Randolph, Creighton, Plainview and Laurel-Concord as new schools. Discussions are still being held as to how the schools will be divided. Kramper and Rickett will sit on a committee with Booster Club members to decide on a direction for the community wellness room.

Book moved to approve payment to Hewgley and Associates in the amount of \$21,952.34. Motion seconded by Rickett. M.C.U.

After discussion, Gill moved to pay \$100,000 of the retention fees to EAD Constructors. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Change orders #15R#2, #59, #60, #62, and #65 were approved, change orders #61 and #64 were taken out, and change orders # 63 and #66 were tabled on a motion by Book, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

Bids from Winkler Roofing and Guarantee Roofing were studied for the replacement of the fine arts building roof and old band room roof. The general consensus was to have the companies further itemize the bids to aid in the comparison process.

Bids are being sought to update the Ponca elementary building lighting from the existing T-12's to T-8's. This item was tabled until all bids are in.

Rickett made a motion, seconded by Smith, to move forward on Summer School plans with classes being taught by Mrs. Burrell. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek led a discussion on adding breakfasts to the hot lunch program. It was decided that a survey should be sent to parents to see if there is any interest.

A school dedication celebration will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th with tours and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Book moved to approve the contract of Jennifer Schindler as 6th Grade teacher for the 2012-13 school year. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The contract of Adam Simington as 3rd Grade teacher for the 2012-13 school year was approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Book. M.C.U.

Gill moved to accept the resignation of Deb Noll as English teacher at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U. The Board thanked Mrs. Noll for her 16 years of service to the District.

Rickett moved to accept the resignation agreement between Ponca School District and Meagan Pieper effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Book made a motion to approve the resignation agreement between Ponca School District and Jennifer Hartman effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

At 9:23 p.m., a motion was made by Rickett, seconded by Smith, to go into executive session "for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual". M.C.U. The executive session was declared over at 10:01 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held June 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca HS Art Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m. on a motion by Kramper, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary