

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 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, October 15, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. in the Jackson School Commons. 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, Doug Rickett, John Gill, and Gary Smith. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 8 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Rickett, second by Kramper to approve the Agenda with the following changes to "New Business" items: addition of item F2 "Approval of facilities rental agreement" and shifting item J "Custodial salaries" to the end of the list. M.C.U.

The minutes of the September 17, 2012 and October 4, 2012 School Board Meetings were approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Gill. 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 \$473,497.09, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$150,244.82, a Bond Fund balance of \$774,286.89, a Building Fund Balance of \$183,564.27, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$6,036.70, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$82,252.49, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$25,946.46. General Fund Bills totaling \$39,088.08; Building Fund Disbursements of \$476.00, Fine Arts Fund Disbursements of \$2,407.16; and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$27,950.73 were all approved with a motion by Smith second by Rickett. M.C.U.

Principal Hayes reported that parent-teacher conferences for all elementary classes were held in Jackson on the 15th and the Spring elementary conferences will all be held in Ponca. MAP testing is complete and plans are being made for a 1st Grade Field trip to the pumpkin patch and some Jackson classes making a Halloween visit to the care center. As Athletic Director, he reported that the football game which was forfeited by Homer will be counted as a win, the volleyball team will play Wynot in the Conference Tournament, JH Wrestling practice begins Oct. 22nd, Ponca will play their volleyball C1 subdistrict in Pender and will also host the C2-7 subdistrict. Red Ribbon Week begins October 22nd according to Principal Rinas. She distributed a list of the activities scheduled for the week.

Supt. Reznicek updated the Board on upcoming events including the Oct. 18th feasibility study meeting with Newcastle Administrators and Jerry Ehlers, Fall Break on Oct. 19th and the Safety and Security manual training on Oct. 22nd.

The west parking lot is currently being paved and the school is getting 4 bids on the lighting. Pres. Dohma informed the members that there is talk of the Build America Bonds credit ending soon and may affect budgeting for the Bond Fund.

The playground committee has started applying for grants. Members will visit other playground sites to view equipment and plans.

The bus that was approved for purchase at a previous meeting was found not to be in compliance with Nebraska specifications so it will be replaced by a different 2012 bus with a \$72,900 price from the same company.

Book made a motion to approve the contract for weight room/west gym membership developed by the facilities committee. Family membership is \$100/year and Sr. citizen or college membership is \$50/year. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The Board discussed the high electrical bills and will continue monitoring them through the year.

Character team members Fran Hassler, Cindy Anderson and Stacey Carnell presented the annual Olweus Bullying Survey results to the Board.

Supt. Reznicek presented the 2012-13 Enrollment numbers. As of 9/28/12 there were 461 students reported to the State.

Rickett moved to approve payment to EAD Constructors in the amount of \$87,536.30 after their punch list is completed. Second by Book. M.C.U.

The Board discussed the first Board goal of “The Administrators will actively explore cooperative agreements with neighboring school districts”. Supt. Reznicek confirmed that the exploration had begun and she distributed the 2012 Certified School Adjusted Value Report.

At 9:24 p.m., Rickett made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of protection of personnel.

Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 10:32 p.m.

Rickett moved to act on wages for custodians as discussed in executive session. Gill seconded the motion.

M.C.U.

Principal Rinas presented the State of the School preliminary report to the Board members.

At 11:15 p.m., there being no further business, Book moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rickett. M.C.U.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary