

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2014

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 20, 2014 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, and John Gill. Members absent: Doug Rickett. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 3 visitors.

The oath of office was read by each of the five Board members. Superintendent Reznicek called for nominations of officers for 2014. Doug Rickett was elected Board President on a nomination by Book, second by Burki. Kenton Book was elected Vice President on a nomination by Gill, second by Burki. Kramper moved to appoint Lorrie Huston as Secretary/Treasurer, second by Gill.

Richard Dohma was thanked for his years of service as Ponca School Board President.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Vice President Kenton Book. The flag salute was held and reference was made to the posting of the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made by Burki, second by Dohma, to approve the agenda with the omission of reports by the Science department and the School Improvement Team. M.C.U.

The minutes of the December 16, 2013 Board meeting were approved on a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. M.C.U. Dohma moved to approve the financial reports, second by Burki. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$141,033.00, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$200,520.06, a Bond Fund balance of \$510,573.33, a Building Fund Balance of \$36,258.23, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$6,478.85, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$129,461.19, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$17,943.31. General Fund bills totaling \$98,452.52; a Depreciation Fund disbursement of \$56,402.00; and a Sports Complex disbursement of \$115.47 were all approved with a motion by Burki second by Gill. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the open enrollment into the district of Brianna Haig, Harley Haig and Adrian Haig. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Doug Rickett's absence due to work was excused on a motion by Burki, second by Dohma. M.C.U.

New Business

From Principal Hayes: Grades 3-6 completed MAP testing and grades K-2 will test next week; some students were shifted with their parents' permission to more evenly balance classrooms; on February 12th the Jackson elementary students will be going roller skating; and on January 24th the elementary teachers will be working on strategies to motivate students for testing.

From Supt. Reznicek: Board members Gill, Book and Dohma were reminded to file for re-election if they choose to run again; a tentative date of Saturday, February 22nd from 9 to 12 was set for a Board retreat with Marcia Herring from NASB; a core committee meeting will be held with Newcastle on January 29th in Newcastle. A letter from Doug Rickett and information on proposed school standards for fine arts were distributed to the members.

From Athletic Director Hayes: Conference tournament seeding will be done on Wednesday, January 22nd; and the 2014 football district grouping will be Ponca, Homer, Laurel-Concord, Wisner-Pilger, Stanton, and Oakland-Craig schools.

Board Communications: Dohma reported that he had heard positive comments on the ad printed in the Nebraska Journal Leader concerning the discussions on merging with Newcastle.

Board Committee Reports: The transportation committee has met.

Kramper moved to designate the Bank of Dixon County as the official depository for Ponca Public Schools. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Gill, Kramper, Burki. Abstaining: Dohma. M.C.

The Nebraska Journal Leader was designated as the Official Newspaper on a motion by Gill, second by Kramper. M.C.U.

Dohma made a motion, seconded by Gill, to designate Supt. Reznicek as Official Accounts Custodian of the general fund, lunch fund, bond fund, building fund, depreciation fund, employee benefit fund, petty cash fund, and authorized representative for all federal programs and special education. M.C.U.

The NCSA/NASB Education Forum Conference will be held on February 27 & 28, 2014. Burki moved to approve expenses for those wishing to attend including Fran Hassler. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Expenses for the NRCSA legislative Forum being held on February 19, 2014 were approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. M.C.U.

The 2014 NRCSA Spring Conference will be held on March 20 & 21, 2014 in Kearney. The Ponca Education Foundation has been invited to present one of the sessions. Burki moved to approve expenses for the conference including the presenters. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Kramper made a motion to approve a contract with Michael Pommer, CPA, to conduct the district's financial audits for the years ended August 31, 2014, 2015 & 2016. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the local substitute certificate for Mallory Anderson. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on February 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca High School Art Room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary