

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 2013 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 Richard Dohma, Kenton Book, Phil Kramper, John Gill, and Monte Burki. Absent: Doug Rickett. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 5 visitors.

President Richard Dohma called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the flag salute. A motion was made by Book, second by Gill to approve the agenda. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Burki. M.C.

Elementary Science teacher Larita Stewart spoke on behalf of the Science department and commended the new Science Fusion series that is being used.

The minutes of the October 21, 2013 School Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Gill, second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Burki, Book. M.C. Book made a motion to approve the financial reports, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Burki, Book, Dohma. M.C. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$465,361.40, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$200,460.09, a Bond Fund balance of \$887,903.24, a Building Fund Balance of \$40,527.17, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$6,477.79, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$139,055.55, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$27,631.95. General Fund Bills totaling \$100,998.49; a Bond Fund Payment of \$396,244.07; Building Fund Disbursements of \$5,876.00; and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$68.01 were all approved with a motion by Gill, second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Kramper, Book, Dohma, and Gill. Voting Aye but abstaining on check #22435: Burki. M.C.

Book made a motion, seconded by Burki, to approve the 2014-15 school year enrollment option requests into the district of kindergartners Gunnar James and Jerod and Joshua Nelson. Voting Aye: Burki, Book, Dohma, Gill and Kramper. M.C.

Member Doug Rickett's absence was excused by President Dohma.

New Business

From Principal Hayes: Elementary teachers participated in an in-service on November 1st to identify strengths and weaknesses in curriculum. Each month the teachers will concentrate on a different area identified as needing improvement. The 3-6 grade concert will be held on December 6th and the Pre-K through 2nd grade concert will be held on December 13th in the Ponca west gym.

From Principal Rinas: The faculty PLC groups are focusing their attention on working with data and curriculum. Information obtained at recently attended workshops was distributed to the Board and explained. The school received a letter from Phil Gans, Auschwitz survivor, who recently spoke to the students and community. The following groups were recognized: The student council members, Mrs. Hassler, Mrs. Schweers, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Keefe, and Mrs. Lowe for organizing the Veteran's Day program; Mrs. Lowe and the chorus participants for their involvement in the Lewis and Clark Conference Honor Choir; Mrs. Larsen and the Jr. Division champions of the Conference Academic Contest; and Mrs. Lowe and the All-State Chorus members.

From Supt. Reznicek: The AdvancEd accreditation visitation was completed on November 15 and we are awaiting the report. A phone call was received asking for bussing into the Newcastle district. The administration will be assessing the option enrollment policy. NDE recently conducted a review of the lunch program which went well. Book, Dohma, and Gill were reminded to submit their election filing forms if they are interested in running for re-election in 2014. Fran Hassler was acknowledged for receiving the Nebraska College System Guidance Counselor of the Year at a recent ceremony at Wayne State College.

From Athletic Director Hayes: Winter sports practice began today and Hayes gave the number of participants in each sport. The basketball jamboree games will be played on November 30th in West Point with the funds going to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Ponca will host both a boys' and girls' D1 sub-district basketball game. Summer baseball sponsored by the schools was voted down but summer softball has passed to go on to the next round. On December 5th, the Crevier family will perform at the basketball game with Hartington.

Board Communications: The State Education Conference will be held November 20-22 in LaVista. A retreat will be scheduled after the first of the year. The Superintendent's evaluation will be done at the December Board meeting. The transportation committee will study bussing options.

Supt. Reznicek distributed copies of the 2012-13 Financial Audit. There were no significant audit findings.

Kramper moved to approve the purchase of whole Christmas Hams for the staff. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Burki, Book. M.C.

A motion was made by Book to approve and accept the social studies standards as presented at an earlier meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Burki, Book, Dohma. M.C.

The purchase of a floor burnisher was tabled until the next meeting.

Book moved to accept the resignation of Nikki Carnell as bus driver effective at the end of the first semester. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Book, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. M.C. The Board thanked Mrs. Carnell for her 36 years of bus driving.

Nick Sullivan Sr. was approved as a bus driver on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. He will begin in January 2014. Voting Aye: Burki, Book, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. M.C.

Gill moved to approve Trevor Wright as 2nd assistant boys' basketball coach. Book seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Burki. M.C.

Book made a motion to approve Eric Kloke as 2nd assistant girls' basketball coach. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Burki, Book. M.C.

Kramper asked the administration for an evaluation of the assistant coaches at the end of the season.

Burki moved to approve Jesse Moore as assistant wrestling coach. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Burki, Book, Dohma. M.C.

The next regular board meeting will be held on December 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School art room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary