

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 17, 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, February 17, 2014 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 Doug Rickett, Richard Dohma, Kenton Book, Phil Kramper, John Gill, and Monte Burki. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 7 visitors.

President Doug Rickett called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the flag salute. A motion was made by Dohma, second by Gill to approve the agenda as amended. M.C.U.

Mrs. Peg Whitmore, Spanish teacher, presented a gift to each board member from her Spanish students.

Andrea Stewart spoke on behalf of the School Improvement Team about team workshops, staff development days, PLC's, and the AdvancEd readiness visit.

Paul Cadwallader of ABM Janitorial Services offered a proposal for contracted janitorial services.

The minutes of the January 20, 2014 Board meeting were approved on a motion by Book, second by Kramper. M.C.U. Gill made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Burki. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$439,255.68, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$144,118.06, a Bond Fund balance of \$636,401.15, a Building Fund Balance of \$92,781.03, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$6,479.42, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$138,827.00, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$25,124.89. General Fund Bills totaling \$43,974.95; and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$248.78 were approved with a motion by Book, second by Dohma. M.C.U.

Kramper made a motion, seconded by Burki, to approve the 2014-15 school year enrollment option requests into the district of Josiah Navarro, Kora Lee Bruening, Broderick Hogan, Jackson Addison, Emma Addison, Emma Grell, Jaelen Templeman, Chance Perkins, Natalie Perkins, Evan Perkins, Joslyn Bacon, Olivia Hrouda, Abbie Hrouda and Ellesyn Hrouda. M.C.U.

New Business

From Principal Hayes: The MAP testing scores show improvement for all grade levels. The Jackson elementary students participated in mock Olympics with emphasis on studying about the participating countries.

From Principal Rinas: The local school spelling bee will be held on Thursday, February 20th for grades 5-8; the Conference art and speech contest will be hosted by Ponca on March 1st; and on January 24th at the faculty in-service meeting, teachers were divided into three teams to address NeSa scores improvement.

From Supt. Reznicek: The Board retreat will be held from 9-12 on Saturday, February 22nd with the snow date being March 22nd; the NRCSA Legislative Forum is on February 19th; the NASB –NCSA Education Forum in Kearney will be held on February 27th & 28th; and the NRCSA Spring Conference will be held March 20th and 21st with the Ponca Community Education Foundation members presenting a session on March 20th.

From Athletic Director Hayes: Congratulations go to the girls basketball team as regular season co-champs of the conference east division; and the 2014 and 2015 football game schedules were recently set. The Board asked Principal Hayes to follow up on the curtain for the east gymnasium.

Board Communications: The core committee meeting with Newcastle school was cancelled by Newcastle's members.

The facilities & grounds committee met prior to the meeting and made a list of projects needing attention. Supt. Reznicek will obtain bids on some of the projects and evaluate the availability of budgeted funds.

Dohma moved to approve payment of the 2014-15 NASB annual membership dues of \$3,738. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Summer driver's education tuition rates for 2014 were set at \$215 for residents and \$285 for non-residents on a motion by Kramper, second by Book. M.C.U.

The hiring of Mary Rager as elementary custodian was approved on a motion by Book, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve expenses for up to 5 people to attend the Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute which will be held June 11-13, 2014 in Minneapolis. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U.

After discussion, Gill moved to approve the 2014-15 school calendar. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek informed the Board members of the changes to the negotiated agreement with the Ponca Education Association and thanked the negotiations committee for their involvement. Burki moved to approve the 2014-15 negotiated agreement. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The Board briefly discussed the materials from ABM Janitorial Services.

At 9:35 p.m. the Board entered into executive session for the "prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual" on a motion by Book, seconded by Burki. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 10:08 by President Rickett.

At 10:09 p.m. the Board entered into a second executive session for the "prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual" on a motion by Burki, seconded by Gill. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 10:26 p.m. by President Rickett.

The next regular board meeting will be held on March 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jackson Elementary commons area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary