

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 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, March 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jackson Elementary commons. 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 9 visitors.

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

Elise Lowe, Mitch Lowe and Tori Peterson requested a transitional kindergarten class be implemented in the District. The Board will gather information before proceeding with a decision.

Kash Ehtencamp inquired into the State law concerning the transitional Kindergarten.

Craig Caples from NASB gave a presentation on e-meetings.

The minutes of the February 17, 2014 Board meeting were approved on a motion by Book, second by Burki. M.C.U. Dohma made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Gill. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$497,422.63, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$144,118.06, a Bond Fund balance of \$672,463.69, a Building Fund Balance of \$108,841.20, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$6,479.95, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$139,515.60, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$22,328.46. General Fund Bills totaling \$48,523.48; and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$450.06 were approved with a motion by Dohma, second by Book. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the option enrollment requests into the District of Brenden and Brigette Bennett, Emily Lubberstedt, Ashtyn Pick and Hayden Hatcher. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

New Business

From Principal Hayes: Kindergarten round-up will be held April 4th; the Pre-K open house will be held April 8th; there are over 20 pre-K eligible students in the District and the open enrollment option is not required for preschool students. Elementary teachers are preparing for NeSa testing by adopting an "Attack The Test" theme. A pep rally will be held on March 24th; testing begins with third graders on March 25th; test-taking tips are being taught; review sessions are being set up; breakfast will be served on test days and motivational T-shirts, skits and rewards are being planned.

From Principal Rinas: Spelling bee winners were congratulated. The conference speech contest was hosted by Ponca on March 10th and all faculty were required to help with supervision. Mrs. Reuter and Mrs. Balvantin were commended on their organization of the event. Students who placed in the competition were recognized.

From Supt. Reznicek: The next Board retreat will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.; conducting curriculum alignment days during the summer and the cost of doing so was discussed; and a representative from Apple will be at the April Board meeting to present information on becoming a one to one school.

From Athletic Director Hayes: Spring sports practices have started; students named to all-conference basketball teams were congratulated; discussions are being held on schools opting into the class above; and companies were contacted for bids on conference school and championship banners for the east gymnasium.

Board Communications: The process to buy a new bus has been started by President Rickett. Fran Hassler, Richard Dohma, and Joan Reznicek will be giving a presentation on starting a school foundation at the NRCSA conference March 20th. Kristie Hayes is presenting on the Dashboard program at the same conference. ABM will present additional information at the April Board meeting.

Board Committee Reports: Paul Grieger will advise the Board when re-financing of the Bond is feasible.

Purchasing the NASB package for e-meetings was tabled.

The resignation of Sue Schulte as head cook at the end of the school year was accepted on a motion by Book, second by Dohma. M.C.U.

The resignation of Nikki Carnell as library aide at the end of the school year was accepted on a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. M.C.U.

The resignation of Judy Curry as high school secretary at the end of the school year was accepted on a motion by Dohma, second by Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of Joseph Keefe as instrumental music teacher at the end of the school year was accepted on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Discussion was held on the necessity for a dividing curtain in the east gymnasium. The issue of supervision was also addressed. No motion was made on the agenda item.

Dohma moved to approve the bid on new carpeting from LBA Interiors for half of the Ponca Elementary classrooms. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U. The rooms to be re-carpeted are at Supt. Reznicek's discretion.

A decision on bids to replace Ponca Elementary door handles and keys was tabled until the April meeting.

At 10:25 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 10:46 by President Rickett.

Burki moved to approve an increase in pay for Principal Rinas as discussed in closed session. Book seconded the motion. M.C.U.

At 10:48 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 Gill, seconded by Burki. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 11:15 p.m. by President Rickett.

An increase in pay for Principal Hayes as discussed in executive session was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. M.C.U.

The next regular board meeting will be held on April, 2014 at 8:15 p.m. in the Ponca High School art room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary