

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 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, March 18, 2013 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 Richard Dohma, Doug Rickett, Kenton Book, Phil Kramper, and John Gill. Absent: Monte Burki. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 8 visitors.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Rickett, second by Gill to approve the Agenda. M.C.U.

Burki joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Sean Masin informed the Board of the recent Sports Complex meeting during which plans were made to resume working at the site. He requested a spot on the agenda for next month and also to have representation on the facilities committee.

The minutes of the February 18, 2013 Board meeting were approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Book. M.C.U. Rickett made a motion to approve the financial reports, second by Burki. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$565,547.03, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$150,301.01, a Bond Fund balance of \$589,492.77, a Building Fund Balance of \$94,681.03, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$6,039.24, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$130,935.82, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$28,185.44. General Fund bills totaling \$62,760.26; Bond Fund Disbursements of \$1,250.00 and Sports Complex disbursements of \$35,995.62 were all approved with a motion by Gill second by Book. M.C.U.

The 2012-13 school year enrollment option requests of Cassandra Ellis and Laredo Ellis into the district and the 2013-14 school year enrollment option requests of Isaac Nelson, Lucas Dendinger, Cohen Paden, Bailey Paden and Patrick Semple-Garvin into the district were approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Principal Hayes reported that MAP testing is finished and the results are encouraging. Kindergarten Round-up is March 27<sup>th</sup> and pre-school open house is April 4<sup>th</sup>. The official option enrollment date for NSAA is now May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Spring sports season has begun with 17 participants in Golf and 40 in high school track.

Principal Rinas congratulated Sophie Kramper, the Ponca Spelling Bee Champion and Megan Keller, Joel Beacom, Sam Brickett and Carin Mellick who all participated in the Dixon County Spelling Bee. She predicts the MAP testing scores have increased and acknowledged the hard work of the students and teachers. The new Saxon Math curriculum seems to be making a difference. NeSA testing will begin on March 26<sup>th</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. The senior trip for the class of 2013 went well and the students represented themselves, the school and the community very well.

Supt. Reznicek will be meeting with Tony from Glass Edge about the doors on March 19<sup>th</sup>. In April, the date for the last day of school will be set by taking into account the number of snow days used. Supt. Reznicek showed a video on the AdvancED accreditation service. Currently the school is accredited by Nebraska Framework and Supt. Reznicek asked the Board for the "thumbs up" to change services. Members agreed that it would be a positive step for the District.

During Board Communications, Supt. Reznicek reported on an informative "Back to Basics" seminar. Rickett suggested a reward for the students and staff if the testing grades showed a big improvement. It was also suggested to have an audit done of the Northeast Nebraska Public Power District electricity usage.

Kramper moved to accept the 2013-14 school calendar as amended with March 7<sup>th</sup> being the day off instead of March 14<sup>th</sup>. He requested that each year the day would alternate between the Girls' and Boys' State Basketball Tournament weeks. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The first reading of the new policy manual chapter 1000 was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Members were invited to view the information on policy manual chapters 2000, 3000, 4000 & 7000 which were examined by the policy committee.

EHA Insurance rate sheets for the 2013-14 year were discussed.

The resignation of Lisa Balvantin as Speech Coach was tabled until next month.

A discussion of open enrollment limits for class sizes was held. The policy committee will arrive at a class size limit number with the help of the Administration.

Book moved to accept a bid in the amount of \$5,980 from Foulks Plumbing to fix plumbing fixtures, cap off faucets and install a bottle filter in the Ponca Elementary bathrooms, classrooms, and west gym locker room. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

A motion was made by Rickett to leave the Driver's Ed fees for 2013 at \$205 per student residing in the district and \$275 per student outside of the district. The Instructor's salary will remain the same per student also. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Playground plans and funding were discussed. Fundraising and doing the project in stages was discouraged. The Board Members and Supt. Reznicek will speak with the playground company in Kearney at the NRCSA convention.

At 9:27, Rickett made a motion to go into executive session for the "protection of the public interest". Book seconded the motion. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 10:49 p.m.

The 2013-14 contract for Robert Hayes was approved as discussed in executive session on a motion by Rickett, second by Book. M.C.U.

The 2013-14 contract for Michelle Rinas was approved as discussed in executive session on a motion by Burki, second by Gill. M.C.U.

A brief discussion was held about the Core Team meeting to be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

The next regular Board meeting will be April 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca High School Art Room.

At 11:15 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary