

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 14, 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, April 14, 2014 at 8:15 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, John Gill, and Monte Burki. Absent: Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 11 visitors.

President Doug Rickett called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. and led the flag salute. A motion was made by Burki, second by Book to approve the agenda as amended. M.C.U.

Principal Hayes joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Principal Rinas joined the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Concerned parents asked the Board if a decision had been made on offering a transitional kindergarten. Supt. Reznicek responded with information on Department of Education standards and the results of an informal survey from surrounding school districts.

Kramper joined the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mark Billington of Apple Computers gave a presentation on leasing their devices for a 1 to 1 learning initiative.

The minutes of the March 17, 2014 Board meeting were approved on a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. M.C.U. Book made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Gill. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$391,094.54, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$144,169.71, a Bond Fund balance of \$688,961.22, a Building Fund Balance of \$115,280.35, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,480.40, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$138,471.25, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$18,801.95. General Fund Bills totaling \$102,619.23; and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$2,287.63 were approved with a motion by Gill, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Dohma made a motion, seconded by Book, to approve the 2014-15 school year enrollment option request of Summer Smith into the district and Ethin Graves out of the district. M.C.U.

New Business

Principal Hayes gave an update on the progress of NeSA and MAP testing in the elementary grades and also reviewed the list of upcoming concerts and field trips for grades K-6.

Principal Rinas recognized the recent inductees into the National Honor Society and the State Speech qualifiers. She also summarized the events of the last PLC for the school year and noted that the Senior Trip will be taken on Monday, April 21st.

Supt. Reznicek recognized Phil Lowe who won the NSAA Outstanding Service Award and Bob Hayes who won the District Three Athletic Director of the Year Award. The Board workshop will be held on May 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the art room. The Board will be serving breakfast to the staff and seniors on graduation day morning, May 9th.

Athletic Director Hayes congratulated the winners of the winter Academic All-State awards. He also spoke about the NSAA crackdown on recruiting and rules concerning football practices. Banner companies will have information to him by the next Board meeting for conference and championship banners.

Board Communications: Dohma commented on the success of the recent Education Foundation and Dashboard presentation at the NRCSA convention. Burki requested more track meets be hosted at the Sports

Complex facility. Book informed the Board of a Sports Complex fundraiser/dinner at Ponca State Park on April 27th.

Board members expressed the desire to find a solution to satisfy parents requesting a transitional kindergarten while still abiding with Department of Education standards. Discussion was held but no motion was made.

Burki made a motion to approve the process of e-meetings and the \$1000 on-site training. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U. The on-line policy book was not approved.

Discussion of the 1 to 1 learning initiative was held. Book stated that they should keep moving ahead on the project and investigate additional information. No motion was made.

Book moved to leave the pre-school tuition at the current \$12 per day for the 2014-15 school year. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek presented a list of the certified staff and positions. Gill moved to approve the rehire of the certificated staff for the 2014-15 school year. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek presented a list of the non-certified staff and positions. Book moved to approve the rehire of the non-certificated staff for the 2014-15 school year. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve May 15, 2014 as the last day of school for students and May 19th as the last day for teachers for the 2013-14 school year. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Book moved to approve the bid by Jeff Keller to change the Ponca elementary door handles and locks. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Discussion was held on the hiring of ABM custodial services. No motion was made.

The next regular board meeting will be held on May 19, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca High School art room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary