

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 15, 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, April 15, 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, Doug Rickett, John Gill, and Monte Burki. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 7 visitors.

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

Mr. Robert Agnes of Sioux Contractors spoke to the Board concerning a payment due from EAD Constructors, Inc. for painting done by Glover Painting. Mr. Agnes asked that the Board write the check jointly to Sioux Contractors and EAD Constructors.

Ms. Julie Kutilek of Creative Sites talked briefly about the Ponca elementary playground. Kramper asked for more information on the basketball goals. Ms. Kutilek will send samples of the basketball court and turf materials. The timeline for building the playground will be a total of 3-4 weeks. Separate bids will be obtained for the retaining wall and fence.

The minutes of the March 18, 2013 School Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Burki. M.C.U. Book made a motion to approve the financial reports, second by Gill. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$482,182.74, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$150,355.37, a Bond Fund balance of \$605,912.77, a Building Fund Balance of \$95,423.60, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$6,039.70, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$121,575.13, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$29,220.82. General Fund Bills totaling \$79,569.09; Building Fund Disbursements of \$6,547.19; and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$1,163.64 were all approved with a motion by Rickett second by Book. M.C.U. The elevated level of the new school's electrical cost is being addressed by having an energy audit completed in April. There were no open enrollment option requests.

Principal Hayes thanked the Ponca Elementary teachers for the NeSA testing pep rally. Kindergarten Roundup was held on March 27th with 36 students for the 2013-14 year. Twenty one students signed up at the Pre-School open house on April 4th. Hayes also reported that beginning in 2014, the C1 & C2 Football playoff games will all be held on Fridays except for the final game. There will be 16 teams in the playoffs instead of the current 32. Other information on his report included a \$600 prize from Great Plains for the athletic department trophy cases; a breakdown of monies received for subdistricts held in Ponca; proposals for wrestling room wall pads; and quotes for football uniforms.

Principal Rinas informed the Board that an Economics class needs to be added to the curriculum to comply with State Social Studies Standards and congratulated the Swing Choir on their first place win at the WSC Jazz Competition.

Supt. Reznicek reported that a tornado drill has been scheduled with NEMA; Lisa Balvantin will be assisting the new English teacher as Speech coach; and the Board members need to arrive at 6:00 a.m. on May 10th to begin preparing the teacher appreciation breakfast. She also congratulated the Swing Choir for their winning performance and thanked them for their shows presented to the Ponca and Newcastle elementary students. The Core committee attended the Newcastle Board meeting on April 11th and felt that it went well. Rickett added that the information from the recent NRCSA conference reinforced the need for good policies.

Book moved to approve the local substitute teaching certificate of Terssa Markworth. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

A motion to approve the payment of \$87,536.30 to EAD Constructors, Inc. was made by Book, seconded by Rickett. M.C.U. A check listing Sioux Contractors as a joint payee will not be issued.

The second reading of Policy Chapter 1000 was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

Book made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy Chapters 2000, 3000, 4000 and 7000. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek reminded the Board of the Open Meetings Law workshop on June 27th. No motion was made to approve expenses.

A motion was made by Book, seconded by Rickett, to approve expenses for the School Law Seminar in Kearney on June 7th. M.C.U.

No motion was made concerning the date of the last day of school for the 2012-13 school year. The decision is to be made by the administration after the threat of snow days are over.

Supt. Reznicek informed the Board of the need for a replacement for the green van. She will research options and report back to the Board.

A contract for Mr. Adam Tranmer as the new Sixth Grade Teacher and Wrestling Coach was approved for the 2013-14 school year on a motion by Rickett and second by Burki. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the contract of Mrs. Kristin Reuter as Jr.-Sr. High School English Teacher and Speech Coach for the 2013-14 school year. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U.

After a presentation of information by Prin. Hayes, Rickett moved to keep pre-school tuition costs at \$12 per day and to offer free tuition to students qualifying for free and reduced meals. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek supplied a list of the returning certified staff and their respective class assignments for the 2013-14 school year. Burki moved to rehire the faculty as listed. Book seconded the motion. M.C.U. Interviews for a pre-school teacher will be held in the upcoming week.

A discussion was held on possible financing for the playground. The discussion included current obligations and expected revenues. Rickett moved to approve the contract with Creative Sites in the amount of \$167,103.00. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U. Community use of the playground is dependent upon the liability insurance regulations.

At 9:40 p.m., Kramper made a motion to go into executive session for the protection of the public interest. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C.U. At 10:05 p.m. the session was declared over.

Book made a motion to approve the Business Manager's Contract and Salary as discussed in executive session for the 2013-14 school year. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Ponca High School Art Room on May 20th at 7:30 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary