

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 17, 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, June 17, 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, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 7 visitors.

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

Fran Hassler, Mishelle Fields, Lisa Balvantin, Andrea Stewart and JoAnn Todd spoke on implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) within the Ponca School District faculty and staff. Meetings would be held the second Wednesday of each month from September to April (no meeting in January). Students would be dismissed early on the days that the PLCs meet. A letter will be sent to all staff members asking for preferences to determine placement in the following PLCs: Mentoring/Classroom Management, Technology, Data, Differentiation, Teacher/Principal Evaluation, School Culture, School Safety, or Instructional Practices. The PLC Learning Committee members will observe the PLC groups at the South Sioux City Schools. The Board gave permission to go ahead with the project.

The minutes of the May 20, 2013 School Board meeting were approved on a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U. Burki made a motion to approve the financial reports, second by Rickett. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$1,152,488.08, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$150,355.37, a Bond Fund balance of \$650,427.43, a Building Fund Balance of \$21,081.96, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,858.21, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$109,856.90, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$24,879.36. General Fund Bills totaling \$59,963.93; Building Fund Disbursements of \$5,722.00; Sports Complex Disbursements of \$14,394.43 and a Student Fee Fund Disbursement of \$135.00 were all approved with a motion by Gill second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Kramper, Rickett, Book, Dohma, and Gill. Abstaining: Burki. A 2012 Ford Econoline Van was authorized previously by the Board and purchased for \$20,473.

There were no open enrollment option requests.

Principal Rinas reported that 12 crisis team members were trained by Dr. John Dudley on May 29 & 30.

Principal Hayes and Principal Rinas attended a workshop in Fremont on June 11 given by Dr. Robert Marzano on "The Art and Science of Teaching".

Notice was received from the Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality that the Sports Complex has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$23,632.50 for having used recycled scrap tire material in the new running track.

Supt. Reznicek distributed an invoice from Creative Sites, LLC in the amount of \$25,000 to be paid prior to beginning the playground. The invoice will be paid from the General Fund. Outdoor Environments will install the retaining wall and Bostwick Fencing will begin on the fence. The grading and slope need to be addressed prior to start. Kramper asked for information on the type of basketball goals that will be installed.

Correspondence from Architect Ryan Stearns concerning the HVAC system and its maintenance was reviewed. Changing thermostats and demand/peak times would possibly decrease the energy consumption.

Supt. Reznicek also informed the Board of communication from Paul Grieger of D.A. Davidson which related a possibly significant savings to the District with bond refinancing. A meeting with Mr. Grieger will take place at a later date.

Bids to purchase a new water heater and either rent or purchase water softeners for the Jackson school will be obtained by Supt. Reznicek.

Burki and Supt. Reznicek gave a brief overview of the school law seminar they attended in Kearney, NE.

There will be a negotiations meeting on July 8th at 7:30 p.m. with the PEA negotiations team and the Board negotiations committee.

The second reading of Policy Chapters 5000, 6000, 8000, and 9000 were approved on a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek distributed information on free, reduced and regular price hot lunches for the 2012-13 school year. She also reported on the transportation vehicles' mileage and maintenance. The Board agreed that she should budget for the cost of either one-half or a whole bus each year plus the cost of a van.

Princ. Rinas presented a proposed policy to increase the graduation credit requirements from 220 to 230 beginning with the class of 2017. The increase will accommodate the Nebraska Standards requirement for Social Studies credits with the addition of Economics and Financial Literacy classes plus a World Geography class to be taken in the Freshman year. Rickett moved to approve the proposed policy 6.6 for graduation requirements as recommended by Princ. Rinas. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

After discussion, a suggestion was made to ask the Athletic Boosters to donate proceeds from subdistrict volleyball and basketball as well as Conference track concessions next year towards the trophy case project. Kramper made a motion to approve the construction of the larger trophy case for the main lobby area in the amount of \$13,609.00 and keep the 5% discount. Rickett seconded the motion. The construction will be done by Pioneer Cabinetry.

Item "L" was tabled until the July meeting.

A bid from Outdoor Environments in the amount of \$7,600.00 for a retaining wall on the south side of the east gymnasium was approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Gill. M.C.U. The bid included backfilling and dirt. Supt. Reznicek invited Board members to join her in attending the Newcastle-Hartington feasibility study meeting on Thursday, June 27th at 7:30 in Newcastle.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Ponca High School Art Room on July 15th at 7:30 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary