

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

July 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, July 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 6 visitors.

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

Sue Warner from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska gave an informative presentation on the Employers Health Alliance insurance plan options.

The minutes of the June 17, 2013 School Board meeting were approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Burki. M.C.U. Rickett made a motion to approve the financial reports, second by Gill. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$1,159,699.58, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$150,413.45, a Bond Fund balance of \$694,273.82, a Building Fund Balance of \$43,179.28, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,858.36, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$109,668.18, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$23,616.25. General Fund Bills totaling \$96,670.09; and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$5,896.69 were approved with a motion by Book second by Rickett. Voting Aye: Kramper, Rickett, Book, Dohma, and Gill. Abstaining: Burki.

There were no open enrollment option requests.

Principal Hayes reported on preparations for the upcoming school year. Teacher schedules are complete, the para schedules are being finalized, the new science series textbooks have been received, and the new Ponca elementary playground is being constructed. Higher fences or netting behind the basketball hoops are possible in the future. Board members asked Principal Hayes to make sure the Jackson elementary playground was also ready for students. Principal Rinas has been updating the student/parent handbook and working on the high school scheduling for 2013-14.

Superintendent Reznicek led a discussion on the need to lease or purchase a new water softener for the Jackson elementary school. To alleviate current water sediment and pressure problems, it was suggested to have a plumber check on the installation of a discharge pipe from the building. Once bids are obtained, this will become an agenda item.

Administrator Days will be held in Kearney from July 31st through August 2nd.

As Athletic Director, Hayes informed the Board that the Volleyball team will be in Class C2 this year, summer athletic camps will be complete by next week, and the NSAA is contemplating mandatory concussion courses for football coaches.

Rickett made a motion to approve having the negotiations team look at the EHA Dual Choice Option for employees' health insurance. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

A 5% discount is available from Pioneer Cabinetry until 12/31/13 if an additional trophy case in the East Gymnasium lobby is needed.

After discussion, Rickett moved to approve the request to the Nebraska Department of Education for the additional 2% general fund growth rate. Book seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Burki, and Book. Voting Nay: None. M.C.U.

The newly remodeled west gymnasium locker rooms were toured and Supt. Reznicek commended Chip Watchorn and Troy Bostwick for their work on those rooms. Rickett moved to approve an amount up to \$8,450 for surface sealing of the locker room floors which would include the entry ways and steps. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The 2013-14 Employee Handbook was approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Gill. M.C.U.
The 2013-14 Parent/Student Handbook was approved on a motion by Burki, second by Book. M.C.U. Both books contain newly updated policies.

Principal Hayes submitted a proposal from Sign Pro for conference, district and state championship signs for the East Gymnasium wall. Board members asked to have the artwork revised prior to approval.

At 9:30 p.m., Rickett moved that the Board should go into Executive Session for the protection of the public interest. Book seconded the motion. M.C.U. At 10:03 p.m. the session was declared over.

Rickett made a motion, seconded by Burki to go into a second executive session at 10:04 p.m. for the protection of the public interest. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 10:19 p.m.

Rickett moved to approve the non-certified wages as presented in executive session. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Ponca High School Art Room on August 19th at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary