

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2013

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a student fee hearing, parent involvement hearing, and regular meeting on August 19, 2013 in the Ponca High School Art Room. All were convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted and given to all members of the Board of Education. Members present were Monte Burki, Kenton Book, Doug Rickett, John Gill, Richard Dohma and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 3 visitors.

President Dohma opened the student fee hearing at 7:32 p.m., calling for questions or concerns. The hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m. President Dohma opened the parent involvement hearing at 7:35 p.m. The hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m.

President Dohma called the regular meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and led the flag salute. Rickett made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Gill. M.C.U.

The minutes of the July 15, 2013 School Board meeting were approved on a motion by Book, second by Burki. M.C.U. Gill made a motion to approve the July 31, 2013 financial reports, second by Rickett. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$796,072.35, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$150,413.45, a Bond Fund balance of \$697,166.07, a Building Fund Balance of \$43,459.77, an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,858.51, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$91,360.19, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$17,299.78. General Fund Bills totaling \$262,280.00; Sports Complex Disbursements of \$902.02; and Building Fund Disbursements of \$100,877.78 were approved with a motion by Book second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Kramper, Rickett, Book, Dohma, and Gill. Burki voted Aye but abstained on check #22226 to MB Mowing. Motion Carried.

The open enrollment of 8th grader Jacob Kneifl into the district was approved on a motion by Burki, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

A smooth start to the school year, excitement by the students over a new playground, the addition of several Smartboards, and a pre-K enrollment of 22 were all reported on by Principal Hayes. The fall sports practices have begun. The start time of the varsity football game with Lutheran High Northeast on October 18th has been changed to 3:00 p.m. Hayes also added that a proposal has been made at the State level to add school sponsored baseball and softball during the summer months for Class C and Class D only.

According to Principal Rinas, parents' night for grades 7-12 will be held on August 22nd. The character lesson theme this year is "tolerance". To help promote that theme, on October 30 for the public and October 31 for the 6-12 students, Auschwitz survivor Philip Gans will be speaking. Principal Rinas also presented the school and State ACT score averages for the past 5 years.

The newly completed policy book was distributed to Board members. Review of a portion of the policies will take place at monthly Board meetings as necessary.

Supt. Reznicek updated the Board on the new school year safety drill requirements, the Dixon County property tax valuation increase, and the need for a Board meeting on August 30 to pay fiscal year-end bills and transfer money to the depreciation, activity and employee benefit funds. She discussed with the Board the need to review the construction warranty checklist with the maintenance staff.

A local substitute certificate for Adam Sprakel was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve the resignation of Mark Gehring as National Honor Society sponsor. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C.U. Beth Foulks will replace Mr. Gehring as the sponsor.

Cheri Janssen was hired as a Para Educator on a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U.

Julie Kneifl was hired as a Para Educator on a motion by Burki, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

Melissa Moore was hired as a Pre-K Para Educator on a motion by Rickett, second by Book. M.C.U.

After reviewing the student fee, parental involvement, and bullying policies, Rickett made a motion to adopt the policy book as presented. Gill seconded the motion. M.c.U.

The Board discussed bids submitted for the replacement or rental of a water softener for the Jackson School. Book moved to approve the bid from H204U to purchase and install a twin water softener in the amount of \$5378. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

A decision on purchasing a new water heater for the Jackson school was tabled in order to request bids from local plumbers. Other items needing replacement that will be discussed at a later date will be the Ponca Elementary roof and the boiler at the Jackson Elementary.

Expenses for the Sept. 25th NASB Area Membership meeting in Norfolk were approved with a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. M.C.U.

The September 5th and 6th Labor Relations Conference was discussed.

Upon the recommendation of Supt. Reznicek, the hiring of Jackie Boldenow as custodian was approved with a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U.

At 8:52 p.m., Gill moved to go into executive session for the protection of the public interest. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C. U. The session was declared over at 9:10 p.m.

A special Board meeting will be held at the Ponca High School Art Room on August 30th at 7:00 a.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held on September 16th at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary