

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2012

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, August 20, 2012 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 Doug Rickett, Gary Smith, Kenton Book, Phil Kramper, Richard Dohma, and John Gill. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 26 visitors. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. Rickett moved to approve the agenda, second by Gill. M.C.U.

During audience communications, Christina Luebe addressed the Board concerning the return of cheerleading. Students Lauren Brickett and Bailey Maise presented petition signatures, gave their views and also asked the board to reinstate cheerleading. Thersa Brockhaus talked about being a former Ponca cheerleader and Dick Volkman spoke on the need to continue the tradition of cheerleading. The Board and Administration will further research questions related to this issue.

The minutes of the July 12, 2012 and July 30, 2012 meetings were approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Book. M.C.U. Book made a motion, seconded by Kramper, to approve the financial reports. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$591,431.38, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$50,213.48, a Bond Fund balance of \$608,153.07, a Building Fund balance of \$469,896.99, an Employee Benefit fund balance of \$6,035.07, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$93,986.50, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$11,924.11. General Fund bills totaling \$106,190.52, Building Fund Disbursements of \$54,503.36, and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$72,653.81 were approved with a motion by Gill, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

An enrollment option request into the District of Brayden Morton was approved on a motion by Book, second by Smith. M.C.U.

Principal Hayes reported a smooth start to the school year, teacher workshops held on the new math and reading series, and Pre-K enrollment of 29 students. Football games start August 24th and Volleyball starts on the 30th. Ponca will host a C2 volleyball district tournament and a wrestling meeting is scheduled with Newcastle students.

Principal Rinas distributed an ACT scores report comparing Ponca and State percentages. She also informed the Board of the high school Parents' Night on August 23rd, the successful Buddy pizza party in Vermillion, and the upcoming need for policy on saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supt. Reznicek read a note from Nikki Carnell thanking the Board for their endless hours of work towards the new school. The Board Goals from the June workshop, a Board calendar, and an NASB bulletin were handed out. Supt. Reznicek also informed the Board that the State Fire Marshall was here on the 20th and will be back for a final inspection before the first volleyball game.

The Board reviewed the remaining outstanding expenses for the new school and named Doug Rickett as the head of the playground committee. Parking lot paving was also discussed as a priority when funds are available.

Gill made a motion to approve payment of \$25,403.95 to EAD Constructors, Inc. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Supt. Reznicek reminded the Board members of the NASB area membership meeting on September 26th in Norfolk.

Expenses for the School Law Update seminar were approved on a motion by Book, second by Smith. M.C.U.

Rickett made a motion to approve the resignation of Tamara Schram as Pre-K teacher. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

After discussion, Rickett moved to approve the Jackson Elementary Commercial Service Maintenance Agreement with Suter Services for one year. Book seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Mr. Hayes reported on weight room policies from surrounding schools. It was decided to establish a committee to determine policies for the weight room, gym, sports complex and performing arts area. Mr. Hayes will be the committee head.

The board examined the latest payment request from Joseph Hewgley and Associates. No action was taken to approve the bill so more information may be acquired.

A special meeting will be held on Thursday August 30th at 7:00 a.m. in the HS Art Room to approve a Lunch Fund and Special Building Fund Budget Amendment and to also approve any fiscal year end disbursements.

The next regular board meeting will be held Monday, September 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca High School Art room.

At 9:44 p.m., there being no further business, Book made a motion, second by Rickett, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary