

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP, HEARINGS, AND REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a budget workshop, budget hearing, final tax request hearing, and regular meeting on September 17, 2012 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 Gary Smith, 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 14 visitors.

The budget workshop began at 6:30 p.m. with Supt. Reznicek presenting the proposed 2012-13 school year budget figures. The workshop ended at 7:10 p.m. President Dohma opened the budget hearing at 7:30 p.m., calling for questions or concerns. The budget hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m. President Dohma opened the final tax request hearing at 7:40 p.m. The hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m. President Dohma called the regular meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and led the flag salute. Rickett made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Gill. M.C.U.

During audience communications, Tyler Pierce from the O'Connor Group explained their preventative maintenance service agreement for mechanical HVAC services.

Wrestling Coach Keith Trusty, representing the Save Ponca Wrestling Group and the Ponca Wrestling Club, donated a new wrestling mat to the school. The Board thanked the organizations and Coach Trusty for the gift.

Christina Luebe spoke and urged the Board to take advantage of the assistance of persons in the community willing to help cheerleading sponsors.

The minutes of the August 20, 2012 and August 30, 2012 meetings were approved on a motion by Book, second by Smith. M.C.U. Gill made a motion, seconded by Rickett, to approve the financial reports. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$114,066.35, a Depreciation Fund balance of \$150,213.48, a Bond Fund balance of \$614,597.17, a Building Fund balance of \$425,715.19, an Employee Benefit fund balance of \$6,036.20, a combined Activity Fund balance of \$64,277.49, and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$26,180.15. General Fund bills totaling \$89,159.06, Building Fund Disbursements of \$24,594.80, and Sports Complex Disbursements of \$36,422.74 were approved with a motion by Kramper, second by Book. M.C.U.

Principal Hayes reported that Aimsweb testing has been completed and MAP testing will begin in the elementary. He also informed the Board that Homer has forfeited its 2012 varsity football schedule and that Ponca will be hosting a District One Act contest on November 26th. Principal Rinas added that MAP testing would also begin in the high school next week. She also listed the activities for homecoming week and recognized Queen and King, Samantha Gill and Patrick Watchorn. Reznicek, Rinas and Hayes met to discuss tornado drill procedures and will finalize plans for the near future.

Committee Reports:

The playground committee reported that plans will now include swings, research is being done for grant money, and Supt. Reznicek will be visiting with the Nebr. Dept. of Ed about some funding.

The feasibility study has begun with tours of Ponca, Newcastle and Jackson schools having been conducted.

Recommendations from the school facilities usage committee were presented with a draft of a weight room/west gym membership contract. The contract included hours of available use, entry access, costs, and guidelines. A rental charge for the track was suggested at \$250/day. A refundable deposit was suggested for the fine arts center with an hourly payment to trained school employees needed for sound, lighting or custodial work.

Rickett reported that the 2001 bus cannot be fixed as once thought. He will research busses available for purchase and report back to the Board.

Kramper gave estimates for a retaining wall with a seat cap by the gym sidewalk. Reznicek will check on proper height codes and the Board will pursue the project.

NDE's report of exempt school children residing in the district was given to Board members.

Rickett moved to approve the O'Connor Group's preventative maintenance service agreement in the amount of \$15,356 for one year. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The 2012-13 Budget was approved on a motion by Book, second by Gill. M.C.U.

The 2012-13 Final Tax request was approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Kramper. M.C.U.

After discussion and praise for the students presenting at last month's Board meeting, Kramper made a motion to approve re-instatement of the cheerleading squad with Brooke Lewon and Julie Sydow as sponsors. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

November 11th at 4:00 p.m. was set to showcase the Fine Arts remodeling project.

Agenda item #9-M on the west parking lot paving was tabled.

Book moved to approve expenses for the State Education Conference in Omaha on November 14-16, 2012. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The early retirement incentive plan which was originally adopted in March, 2007 was approved to be offered again this year to certified employees on a motion by Rickett, second by Smith. M.C.U.

After discussion, it was decided to ask architect Joe Hewgley for billing documentation before paying the last statement.

The following 2012-13 Board Goals were approved on a motion by Rickett, second by Book: 1) The Administrators will actively explore cooperative agreements with neighboring school districts, 2) The Administration and Staff will continue District-wide efforts to improve student achievement in all areas, 3) The Board of Education will identify and adopt a committee structure to support education and decision-making, and 4) The Board of Education, administrators, and appropriate staff will work to identify a plan to address curriculum, technology, learning and instruction to support student achievement. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve payment of \$196,028.88 for application #30 plus \$85,000 of retainage plus \$6918.50 of the gym underlayment to EAD Constructors, Inc. Rickett seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The next regular board meeting will be held Monday, October 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Jackson Elementary commons area.

At 10:10 p.m., there being no further business, Rickett made a motion, second by Book, to adjourn the meeting. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary