

**Minutes of the Budget Workshop, Budget Hearing,
Tax Request Hearing, and the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools
September 12, 2016**

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 Monday, September 12, 2016 in the Ponca Public Schools room 126. All were convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted and given to all members of the Board of Education.

The budget workshop began at 7:15 p.m. with Supt. Reznicek presenting the proposed 2016-17 school year budget figures. Members present were Doug Rickett, Kenton Book, John Gill, Phil Kramper, Monte Burki, and Richard Dohma. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Princ. Michelle Rinas, Princ. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 7 visitors.

President Rickett opened the budget hearing at 7:33 p.m. and welcomed public comments. The budget hearing closed at 7:35 p.m. Rickett opened the final tax request hearing at 7:36 p.m. The hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

President Rickett called the regular meeting to order at 7:37 p.m., informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room, and led the salute to the flag. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Kramper and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett, Gill. M.C. 6-0.

Minutes from the August 15, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by Book and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett, Gill. M.C. 6-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Gill and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett, Gill. M.C. 6-0 The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$427,477.21; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$274,393.57; a Bond Fund balance of \$963,363.51; a Special Building Fund balance of \$424,984.04; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,484.32; an Activity Fund balance of \$100,460.78; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$30,155.44.

Claims and accounts were approved with a motion by Book and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Book, Rickett, and Dohma. Voting Aye but abstaining on check number 24631: Burki. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$66,848.40; General Fund Update of \$195.00; Depreciation Fund disbursements totaled \$82,819.25; and Special Building Fund Disbursements totaled \$1,421.54.

Principals Hayes and Rinas reported on the MAP testing schedules. The new computer devices are reducing the number of days needed for the testing schedules as several classes can test simultaneously.

Hayes also talked about pre-school and kindergarten enrollment, MTSS training for teachers and paras, no school for kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades on September 19th, and fall sports participation and schedules. He thanked the Board for allowing the volleyball team go to the Sandy Creek tournament and the Athletic Boosters for helping with the costs.

Rinas reported on the homecoming activities beginning with coronation on September 17th.

Supt. Reznicek added information about the professional development day/no school on Sept. 26th, PLC/early out day on October 5th, the end of the 1st quarter on October 19th, and recent legal opinion received concerning students in the news who refuse to stand during the national anthem or pledge of allegiance.

The administrators shared a document they compiled which outlines the hiring processes used for certified and classified employees.

Technologist Kristie Hayes gave an update on the new hardware and software being used by the teachers and students. The Board would like to have a report from the teachers during one of the upcoming meetings.

September 21st is the NASB area membership meeting.

A list of the District's exempt students was presented as an information item.

Principal Rinas reported on the 2015-16 ACT Testing Results and spoke about NDE choosing the ACT test for the State-wide test for juniors beginning this Spring.

Expenses for the NASB State convention were approved on a motion by Kramper and second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett. M.C. 6-0.

The 2016-17 Budget passed on a motion by Burki and second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett. M.C. 6-0.

The final tax request for 2016-17 was approved on a motion by Book, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett. M.C. 6-0.

Gill moved to not offer the Early Retirement Incentive Plan for the 2016-17 school year. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Gill. Voting Nay: Rickett. M.C. 5-1.

The next regular board meeting will be held October 17th, 7:30 p.m. at Ponca Public Schools Room 126. The December, January, February and March meetings only will begin earlier at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary