

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2011

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, April 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca Elementary workroom. Advance notice of the meeting was publicly posted and given to all members of the Board of Education. Members present were Gary Smith, Doug Rickett, John Gill, Richard Dohma, Kenton Book and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. William Thompson, Prin. Bob Hayes, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 31 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Dohma. A motion was made by Rickett, seconded by Gill, to approve the Agenda. M.C.U. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Book, second by Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included the following: the minutes of the March 21, 2011 and April 7, 2011 Board meetings; the Treasurer's report showing a General Fund balance of \$367,149.48; the Hot Lunch Fund report showing a balance of \$27,979.13; the Ponca Activities Fund showing a balance of \$80,330.66; the Jackson Activity Fund showing a balance of \$3,920.53; the General Fund bills of \$83,114.88; Construction Payment requisition to EAD Constructors, Inc. of \$573,289.74 and Computer Cable Connection of \$23,515.50; the resignations of Keith Trusty as assistant high school track coach and Shannon Roemen as Pre-K Teacher; the appointments of Michele Bastidas-Thompson as .5 FTE Art Teacher, Paula Larsen as One-Act Play co-sponsor, and Christy Schweers as HS Student Council Co-Sponsor for the 2011-12 school year.

Prin. Rinas informed the Board that assessment testing was complete, with results being available in August. Recent activities during April included Prom and District music contests and the National Honor Society induction ceremony will be held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Prin. Hayes reported on the upcoming Aimsweb testing in May for the Elementary grades, the Jackson Elem. Concert on April 28, the Ponca Elementary concert on May 19, and field trips for grades 3-6. Supt. Thompson reminded the board of a proposal to replace lighting in the Ponca Elementary Building. He also cited the recent recalculation for the State's Instructional Time. A letter supporting the wrestling program from student Leo Markworth was distributed. May 28<sup>th</sup> will be the date for the Auction and Open House. Auction items may be viewed on the school website.

The construction and finance committees are waiting for word on the Fine Arts grant, the FEMA grant, and the school's cost of the new transformer.

Rickett made a motion to renew the Coop swimming program agreement with South Sioux City Schools. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

With a motion from Kramper and a second by Smith, the Board also approved a resolution to Coop with South Sioux City for Girls' Softball. M.C.U.

After discussion, Book made a motion to approve a resolution transferring trusteeship of the Build America Bonds from Wells Fargo Bank to Southwest Trust Co. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Sean Masin gave a report from the Sports Complex Liaison Committee, who unanimously approved a recommendation to the School Board to authorize work to begin on the project. Gill made a motion to terminate the land lease with Dean Rickett and send written notice. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C.U. Authorization to begin work on the Sports Complex project was given with a motion by Kramper, second by Rickett. M.C.U.

The Board continued the policy manual update with a motion by Gill, second by Book, to approve Section II-Code 205.01 Policy Development, Section II – Code 205.02 Policy Adoption, Section II – Code 205.03 Policy Review and Revision, Section II – Code 205.04 Policy Communication, Section II – Code 206.01 New Board Member Orientation, Section II – Code 206.03 Board Member Development Opportunities, Section II – Code 206.04 Board Member Compensation & Expenses, all second readings. M.C.U.

Rickett made a motion to approve the first reading of new board policy Section IX – Code 904.01 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment. Smith seconded the motion. M.C.U.

At the request of Wrestling Coach, Keith Trusty, the board discussed recent program cuts.

At 8:32 p.m., Book made a motion to go into Executive Session for the “protection of the public interest”. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U. President Dohma declared the session out at 8:52 p.m.

At 8:53 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Rickett, second by Smith. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Secretary