Minutes of the Budget Workshop, Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools September 15, 2014

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 15, 2014 in the Ponca Public Schools 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 Kenton Book, Phil Kramper, John Gill, Monte Burki, and Richard Dohma. Absent: Doug Rickett. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Michelle Rinas, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 2 visitors.

The budget workshop began at 7:00 p.m. with Supt. Reznicek presenting the proposed 2014-15 school year budget figures. Vice President Book opened the budget hearing at 7:31 p.m. and welcomed public comments. The budget hearing closed at 7:35 p.m. Book opened the final tax request hearing at 7:35 p.m. The hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Book called the regular meeting to order at 7:45 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. Kramper moved to approve the absence of President Doug Rickett. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. M.C. 5-0.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper.M.C. 5-0.

Minutes from the August 18, 2014 and August 20, 2014 meetings were approved with a motion by Burki and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Book. M.C. 5-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Gill and a second by Burki. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Book, Burki. M.C. 5-0 The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$172,293.44; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$137,113.34; a Bond Fund balance of \$782,123.66; a Special Building Fund balance of \$213,011.10; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,481.31; an Activity Fund balance of \$122,504.65; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$18,402.33.

Claims and accounts were approved with a motion by Gill and a second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Book, Dohma. Voting Aye but abstaining on check number 23101: Burki. M.C. 5-0. General Fund disbursements totaled \$86,495.19; and Building Fund Sports Complex Disbursements totaled \$4,066.89.

New Business

A. Administration Reports:

Prin. Hayes presented information on MAP testing scores for elementary students. Prin. Rinas reported on ACT scores and the John Baylor test prep course new this year. Supt. Reznicek updated the board on the bus situation. Athletic Director Hayes said it is getting difficult to find JV & JH football team opponents in the area due to the size of the teams.

B. Board Communications and Committee Reports:

Supt. Reznicek reported on the progress for updating the west gymnasium.

C. English Language Arts Standards:

Information was given to the Board members and the vote to approve will be on the October meeting agenda.

D. Board Retreat:

A board retreat with Marcia Herring of NASB will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the art room.

E. NASB State Education Conference:

Gill moved to approve expenses for the 2014 NASB State Education Conference. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. M.C. 5-0.

F. Early Leave Incentive Retirement Plan for Teachers:

Approval of the early leave incentive retirement plan for teachers was passed on a motion by Dohma, second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Book. M.C. 5-0.

G. Early Leave Incentive Retirement Plan for Administrators:

Item was tabled with request to receive information on plans from other schools.

H. 2014-15 School Budget:

The 2014-15 School Budget was approved on a motion by Burki and second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Book, Burki. M.C. 5-0.

I. 2014-15 Final Tax Request:

The 2014-15 final tax request passed with a motion by Gill, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Book, Burki, Dohma. M.C. 5-0.

J. Boiler Repair/Replacement in Jackson:

Approval of the bid from C.W. Suter Services to repair the leak in the coil for the entry heater, the leak in the seal for the circulating pump, replacement of spark plugs in 3rd and 4th boilers and starting up the new boilers, and approval of the bid to purchase 2 boilers from Foulk Bros Plumbing & Heating to replace 1st and 2nd boilers for the Jackson school passed with a motion by Burki, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Kramper, Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill. M.C. 5-0.

Burki made a motion to enter into executive session for the protection of personnel. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. M.C. 5-0. The executive session began at 9:25 p.m. and was declared over at 9:52 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held October 20th at Ponca Public Schools art room. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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