

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 19, 2021
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The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3rd Street, Ponca, Nebraska. The meeting was convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted at the Bank of Dixon County, the Dixon County courthouse, the post office and the school house door, published in the Nebraska Journal Leader, and given to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the agenda was kept continuously current and available for inspection at the office of the Superintendent of Schools. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

President Book called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 the following members were present: Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill, and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Duane Krusemark, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and several visitors.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the March 15, 2021 regular meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,552,877.47, a depreciation fund balance of \$279,787.00, a bond fund balance of \$520,290.84, a special building fund balance of \$269,120.71, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,101.92, an activity fund balance of \$242,045.38, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$45,959.28; general fund disbursements of \$134,935.96; credit card payments; and the April payroll report.

Supt. Krusemark, Principal Lahm, and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports.

Burki moved to approve the retirement of Karen MacLaren at the end of the 20-21 School Year. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of art teacher Lisa Wenger was approved with a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of Jackson music teacher Hope Knedler was approved with a motion by Gill, second by Shawn Fethkenher. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve Landon Fox for early graduation with the class of 2021. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The hiring of Danielle Hackett as 3-12 art teacher for the 21-22 school year was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Fethkenher. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The hiring of Kylee Kephart as kindergarten teacher for the 21-22 school year was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The hiring of Kimberly Woltman as pre-school teacher for the 21-22 school year was approved on a motion by Burki, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper made a motion to move forward on accepting the lowest bids for the improvement of the school facilities which include the cement on the north side of the locker rooms, the curb project by the bus drop-off, the west parking lot island project, the cement by the Ponca north entry doors, the cement by the Jackson north entry doors, the sports

complex improvement, and the gymnasium steps. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Gill. M.C.

Graduation preparations and the pancake breakfast for the senior class were discussed.

At 8:34 pm, Dohma moved to enter into executive session. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 9:02 pm the executive session was declared over and open session resumed on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve an increase of 2.5% to the classified staff salaries, wage increases as presented on schedule B and an increase to the district contribution of health insurance of \$17.66 per month. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The next regular meeting will be held May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:05 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

Kenton Book, Board President