

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 18, 2021**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, January 18, 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 regular meeting to order at 7:30 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, John Gill, Shawn Fethkenher and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Duane Krusemark, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Sec. Lorrie Huston and several visitors. Principal Lahm was absent due to supervision duties at the wrestling meet.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Superintendent Krusemark called for the election of officers.

Kenton Book was nominated as Board President on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Supt. Krusemark turned the meeting over to President Book.

Shawn Fethkenher was nominated as Board Vice President on a motion by Burki, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Burki 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 December 21, 2020 regular meeting and the December 29, 2020 and January 7, 2021 special meetings; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$912,208.06, a depreciation fund balance of \$279,614.64, a bond fund balance of \$357,934.31, a special building fund balance of \$275,839.45, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6099.66, an activity fund balance of \$250,932.59, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$38,869.41; general fund disbursements of \$88,107.07; credit card payments; and the January payroll report.

Supt. Krusemark and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports.

Dohma moved to approve the contract for Brendon Calahan as the superintendent of Ponca Schools for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to appoint Lorrie Huston as the secretary to the Board of Education. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Gill moved to appoint Lorrie Huston as the treasurer for the Board of Education. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Committee assignments were approved on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Kramper. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U. The assignments are as follows: American Civics, Curriculum and Technology Committee – Dohma, Burki, Kramper; Finance Committee – Dohma, Fethkenher, Book; Buildings and Grounds Committee-Kramper, Book, Fethkenher; Policy Committee-Gill, Burki, Fethkenher; Transportation Committee-Kramper, Gill, Burki; and Negotiations Committee –Book, Dohma, Gill.

The Bank of Dixon County was selected as the district's depository bank on a motion by Burki, second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U. Abstaining (with conflict): Dohma. M.C.

Fethkenher moved to approve KSB School Law Firm and Perry Law Firm as the district's legal counsel. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the Nebraska Journal Leader as the district newspaper of record. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Interim Supt. Duane Krusemark was designated the official accounts custodian with a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Interim Supt. Duane Krusemark was designated as the authorized district representative on a motion by Kramper, second by Fethkenher. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The third Monday of each month was designated as the official meeting day for the Ponca Public Schools Board of Education on a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Fethkenher moved to approve the designation of Krohn Car Care, Ponca Cooperative, Butch's Truck Repair, and Inland Truck as the district's mechanics. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Burki moved to extend FFCRA covid 19 sick leave for employees until July 31st, 2021. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of John Stroud as assistant football coach pending suitable replacement was approved by Dohma, seconded by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 7:57 p.m. Dohma moved to enter into executive session, Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The executive session was declared over at 8:06 p.m. and open session was resumed on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The next regular meeting will be held February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:08 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

Kenton Book, President