

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Hearings and Regular Meeting
July 20, 2020**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a student fee hearing, a parental involvement hearing, and a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3rd Street, Ponca, Nebraska. All were 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.

Members present were Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Duane Krusemark, Principal Bob Hayes, Principal Derek Lahm, Kristie Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 1 visitor.

President Book opened the student fee hearing at 7:30 p.m and welcomed public comment. Roll call was taken and all board members were present. There was no public comment heard. The hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

President Book opened the parental involvement hearing at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed public comment. Roll call was taken and all board members were present. There was no public comment heard. The hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

President Book called the regular meeting to order at 7:40 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.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,798,762.81, a depreciation fund balance of \$189,124.68, a bond fund balance of \$583,807.03, a special building fund balance of \$281,213.54, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,091.15, an activity fund balance of \$235,418.14, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$5,651.57; general fund disbursements of \$149,711.55; a special building fund disbursement of \$7556.50; credit card charges; and the July payroll report.

Supt. Krusemark, Principal Hayes, and Principal Lahm gave the administration reports. The board members and audience were invited to look at two high school classrooms that had been set up for social distancing.

The opening of the 2020-21 School Year was discussed. There will be a special board meeting on July 27, 2020 to adopt the plan that was developed by the committee and the administration.

Supt. Krusemark gave the 2020 district census report.

Policies #6370-Multicultural Education, #6410-Title I Parental Involvement, #5415 –Anti-Bullying, and #5008- Student Attendance were reviewed.

The first reading of the following policy updates were done: #1200-Anti-harassment, #3560 –Records Management, #4002-Equal Opportunity Employment, #4003-Employee Antidiscrimination, #4003a-Notice of Nondiscrimination, #4003b-Complaint form-Discrimination, Harassment or Retaliation, #4190-Standards of Performance, #4260-Standards of Performance for Non-Certified Staff, #5001-Admission Requirements, #5401-Equal Opportunity, #5401z-Complaint form-Discrimination, Harassment or Retaliation, #6380-Affirmative Action Instruction Program, #7060-Design-Build-PSCAA, and #7070-Construction Manager at Risk.

The option enrollment request into the District for the 2020-21 school year of one freshman, one kindergartener, and one second grade student passed on a motion by Dohma, second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve the 2020 annual policy updates (final reading) for policies #1040-Annual Report, #5101-Student Discipline Policy, #5103-Extracurricular Activity Discipline, #5406-Search and Seizures, #5506-Safe Pupil Transportation Plan, #6117-Ceremonies and Observances and Pledge, 6283A-Return to Learn Protocol. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

The 2020-21 Employee Handbook was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

The 2020-21 Student Handbook with changes was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve the usage of the CARES Act funding to pay salaries for employees during the COVID-19 closure in March, April and May 2020. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the sports complex maintenance payment to MB Mowing of \$3,793.00. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

The special meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

At 9:44 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U..

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton Book, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary