

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
June 17, 2024**

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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, June 17, 2024 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, the school main entrance, 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 Fethkenher 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 was taken. Members present were Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, Phil Kramper, and Christina Luebe. Absent: Casey McGhee. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and 2 visitors. Principal Stansberry was attending a conference.

The absence of member Casey McGhee was approved on a motion by Luebe, second by Kramper. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the May 20, 2024 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$4,004,751.55, a depreciation fund balance of \$402,096.23, a bond fund balance of \$686,895.81, a special building fund balance of \$56,907.53, an employee benefit fund balance of \$5,931.08, an activity fund balance of \$281,881.28, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$130,646.20; general fund disbursements of \$102,744.56; employee benefit fund disbursements of \$725.34; credit card payments; and the June payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan –Reported on the completion of the concrete project at the sports complex, the start of the flood mitigation project by Gill Construction, the installation of new stop signs around the Ponca campus, policy updates received from KSB School Law, the delayed energy audit results, and classified staff openings for the 2024-25 school year.

Principal Stansberry's report given by Superintendent Calahan –Reported on finishing the end of the school year and focusing on getting ready for the new school year, Special Education Coordinator duties, class scheduling, handbooks, professional development for teachers, new teacher orientation, and the PCEF open house for new employees on July 31st.

Elementary Principal/AD report given by Superintendent Calahan – Reported on the completion of summer school with Mrs. Burrell and Mrs. Benson, elementary schedules, and classroom changes of Mrs. Templeman teaching 4th grade and Mrs. Pick teaching 3rd grade. Summer sports activities are busy with camps, Homer will be in a co-op with us for girls' softball, the move to the Midstates Conference has gone smoothly, and the Fall practices will begin on August 12th.

Board Communications and Committee Reports

The American Civics Committee held a hearing prior to the Board meeting. Ponca School is meeting the requirements to be in compliance with State Statute 79-724.

Discussion Items:

Superintendent Calahan shared information on lessons and activities incorporated into the curriculum that meet the requirements for the Multicultural Statute 79-720.

Action Items:

Dohma moved to approve a 2-year softball cooperative agreement with Homer Community Schools. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve the purchase of 3 new Ford Expedition MAXs from Vermillion Ford to replace current 12-passenger vans. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C. They will be available in 2 to 3 months and will enable the district to transition to vehicles that are in compliance with recent Federal regulations.

The next regular board meeting will be held on July 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Student Fees hearing at 6:45 pm and a Parental Involvement hearing at 6:50 pm prior to the regular meeting.

At 8:03 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Respectively submitted:

Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary