

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

Posting Date: October 13, 2021

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 was taken. Members present were Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Derek Lahm, Kristie Hayes, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 5 visitors. Principal Bob Hayes was absent due to an athletic event.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Fethkenher moved to approve the consent agenda and Dohma 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 September 13, 2021 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,195,795.31, a depreciation fund balance of \$280,139.71, a bond fund balance of \$751,813.43, a special building fund balance of \$251,931.93, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,274.89, an activity fund balance of \$215,205.76, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$34,972.55; general fund disbursements of \$189,200.39; credit card payments; and the October payroll report.

Superintendent Calahan, and Principal Lahm gave the administration reports. There were no board communications or committee reports.

Fran Hassler, Cindy Anderson and Kory Pfister gave the annual Character Team presentation and results from the 2020-21 Olweus Spring Survey.

Superintendent Calahan provided information regarding the purchase of a second Ford Expedition and the possibility of selling the 2019 Chevy Suburban to take advantage of the current used vehicle market.

An NASB Board Retreat date of December 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 11 a.m. was discussed. Mr. Calahan will confirm the date with NASB.

Possibilities for earmarking the ESSER III Grant funds were discussed. They included a new intercom system, building and bus cameras, curriculum, and professional development. An estimate of \$45,000 for professional development over the next three years was given.

Payment to MB Mowing in the amount of \$3034.40 for the monthly Sports Complex maintenance was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve the quote of \$2370.00 from Rasmussen Mechanical Services for the Ponca Elementary damper replacement. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 8:33 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

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Kenton Book, President