

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 15, 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, March 15, 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.

Vice President Fethkenher called the regular 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: Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill, and Phil Kramper. Kenton Book was absent. Others present were Supt. Duane Krusemark, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and several visitors.

Dohma moved to approve the absence of Kenton Book. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the February 15, 2021 regular meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,709,840.60, a depreciation fund balance of \$279,614.64, a bond fund balance of \$505,570.57, a special building fund balance of \$269,111.17, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,101.14, an activity fund balance of \$253,610.42, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$17,058.44; general fund disbursements of \$97,905.18; credit card payments; and the March payroll report.

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

Supt. Krusemark presented options for a possible increase in school nurse hours.

The board was informed of a zoom link from NASB for a Rule 10 update.

Gill moved to hire Louis Amato as the head custodian. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

The tentative last day of the 2020-21 school year for the students will be May 19th and for the staff will be May 21st as approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve pre-school tuition to remain at \$12.00 per day for the 2021-22 school year. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

The resignation of Mrs. Pat Anderson as Title I teacher was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

The option enrollment requests of 9 students opting into the district was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. There were four kindergarten students from South Sioux City, one kindergarten student from Homer, two kindergarten students from Emerson-Hubbard, one kindergarten student from Allen, and one 7th grade student from Allen.

At 7:53 pm, Burki moved to enter into executive session. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. At 8:07 pm the session was declared over and Burki moved to resume open session. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the hiring of a 1 FTE kindergarten teacher and para if needed due to increased class size. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

At 8:09 pm, Kramper moved to enter into executive session. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. At 8:47 pm the executive session was declared over and open session resumed on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the 2021-2022 secondary principal contract and increase in salary for Derek Lahm as discussed in executive session. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

At 8:51 pm Gill moved to enter into executive session. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. At 9:29 pm the executive session was declared over and open session resumed on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the 2021-2022 elementary principal contract and increase in salary for Bob Hayes as discussed in executive session. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

At 9:32 pm, Gill moved to enter into executive session. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. At 9:40 pm the executive session was declared over and open session resumed on a motion by Burki, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

The next regular meeting will be held April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:41 p.m., there being no further business, Gill moved to adjourn the meeting. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

Kenton Book, Board President