

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting**

December 21, 2015 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ponca Public School room number 127, 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ponca, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance 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 Rickett 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. The following Board members were present: Rickett, Book, Kramper, Dohma, Burki, and Gill. Also present were Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston and 9 visitors. Supt. Reznicek was absent for medical reasons.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Kramper and second by Gill. M.C. 6-0.

The Ponca Education Association furnished holiday treats and Fran Hassler, on behalf of the association, thanked the Board for their service.

Minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Book and a second by Dohma. M.C. 6-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Gill and a second by Burki. M.C. 6-0. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$349,697.18; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$105,256.99; a Bond Fund balance of \$718,777.70; a Special Building Fund balance of \$47,132.47; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,483.19; an Activity Fund balance of \$158,008.57; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$23,829.17.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Book and a second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Rickett, Dohma, Kramper, Book, Gill. Voting Aye but abstaining on check #24049: Burki. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$61,856.68; Sports Complex disbursements totaled \$104.27; and Building Fund disbursements totaled \$34,421.00.

There were no option enrollment requests.

**Administration Reports:**

Principal Rinas and Principal Hayes reported on the annual school safety inspection, PLC activities, AQuESST results for 2014-15, the proposed changes from the No Child Left Behind Act to the Every Student Succeeds Act, progress on teacher evaluations, and on a back pack program involving the local ministerial association and Food Bank of the Heartland. They also reported on the recent approval by the AdvancEd review team who visited the school on December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Athletic Director Hayes informed the Board that the football districts have been set, the industrial arts classes are constructing rails in the gym commons area to hold plaques, and floor re-finishing will be done in the east gym over the activities moratorium.

Thank you notes to the Board were read from staff, All-State music students, and the family of William Thompson.

Kristie Hayes gave a report on the enrollment figures reported for e-Rate purposes.

**Board Communications and Committee Reports:**

Ponca Public Schools was selected to receive a 2015 School Bus Rebate from the Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality to apply towards the purchase of a qualifying bus. The transportation committee will do research on a bus purchase.

The negotiations committee met with the PEA representatives for an initial discussion. A second meeting was scheduled for the end of December. It was suggested that the Board listen to a presentation on the NASB negotiations software package for next year.

President Rickett asked that members think about which attorneys were their preference for certain types of issues so Administration would know how to proceed when necessary.

The building and grounds committee will investigate the addition of more lighting around the outside of the school in Ponca.

**New Business:**

Caleb Foulks presented information he obtained concerning the school's energy usage. Suggestions for improvement included changing to LED bulbs and installing occupancy sensors in rooms or hallways currently without them.

Kramper moved to approve the purchase of a floor burnisher without a vacuum in the amount of \$7,183.75. The burnisher will be purchased from Supplyworks. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Expenses to attend the NASB Legislative Forum on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in Lincoln were approved on a motion by Book, second by Burki. M.C. 6-0.

Dohma moved to approve the transfer of \$150,000 in February 2016 and \$50,000 in May 2016 to the Depreciation Fund for technology purposes. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0. The Board thanked the technology committee for their work on the 1:1 computers.

The Board members were informed of the NRCSA Spring Conference on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Kearney, NE.

An assistant golf coach position was approved on the condition that the number of athletes participating would have to exceed 14 on a motion by Kramper and second by Burki. M.C. 6-0.

The expenses for the NASB e-meetings program for 2016 were approved on a motion by Burki, second by Dohma. M.C. 6-0.

The Superintendent's evaluation was not completed due to her absence.

At 9:40 p.m., Kramper moved to enter into executive session for the protection of the public interest. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

The executive session was declared over at 10:20 p.m.

The Board agreed to hold the next meeting in room 127.

The next regular meeting will be held January 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary