

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 16, 2015**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a budget amendment hearing and regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing and meeting were convened in open and public session at the Jackson Elementary commons, 223 North John Street, Jackson, Nebraska. Notice of the hearing and meeting was given in advance by publication and posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice 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.

The budget amendment hearing began at 7:32 p.m. and member Richard Dohma asked for public comments. The budget hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Gill, second by Burki. M.C. 4-0

Dohma called the meeting to order at 7:37 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: Kramper, Gill, Dohma, Burki. Absent: Rickett, Book.

Also present were Supt. Reznicek, Princ. Hayes, Princ. Rinas, Sec. Huston and 17 visitors.

Kramper moved to excuse the absences of Book and Rickett due to personal reasons. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 4-0.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Burki and a second by Gill. M.C. 4-0.

Members of the School Improvement Team reported on their progress of compiling and studying data from test scores and surveys with the goal of the AdvancEd accreditation. Members of the Ponca Community Education Foundation recognized the time and effort of the team and presented them with gifts of appreciation.

Minutes from the February 16, 2015 and March 2, 2015 meetings were approved with a motion by Burki and a second by Gill. M.C. 4-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Gill and a second by Kramper. M.C. 4-0. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$367,555.64; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$105,155.55; a Bond Fund balance of \$770,164.32; a Special Building Fund balance of \$391,994.17; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,482.07; an Activity Fund balance of \$159,846.82; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$23,634.35.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Kramper and a second by Burki. M.C. 4-0. General Fund disbursements totaled \$61,356.90; an updated General Fund check for the purchase of the 2014 van totaled \$22,250; and Building Fund Sports Complex disbursements totaled \$46.25.

Kramper moved to approve the option enrollment into the district of Alejandro Quezada-Garcia and Laken Pfister, 2015-16 kindergarteners. Motion was seconded by Gill. M.C. 4-0.

New Business

A. Board Calendar 2015 & School Enrollment 2014-15

B. Administration Reports:

Principals Rinas and Hayes reported on MAP testing and the beginning of the NeSa testing. There will be assemblies held prior to the start date and testing classes will have breakfasts and concessions available. The staff is working hard to prepare the students to achieve improved scores.

Principal Rinas informed the board of the upcoming senior class trip on April 6th and the district speech contest on March 17th. Principal Hayes added that the Scholastic book fair was being held March 10th through the 17th. Supt. Reznicek briefly explained correspondence she received on the “75-to-65” property tax relief debate.

Athletic Director Hayes congratulated Ponca school students and fans for getting 2nd place for sportsmanship during the girls’ state basketball tournament in Lincoln. He also announced the winter awards night date of March 30th and that the Spring sports of golf and track have started.

C. Board Communications and Committee Reports: Upcoming workshops were addressed.

D. Bond Fund Amendment:

Burki moved to approve amendment to the bond fund budget due to the refinancing of the high school bonds. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 4-0.

E. Cheer Squad Sponsor:

No action was taken.

F. Local Substitute:

Kramper moved to approve the local substitute certificate for Randy Lukken. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 4-0.

G. Back to the Basics of School Law Conference:

Expenses for attendance of the NASB conference were approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. M.C. 4-0.

H. NASB Open Meetings Law Workshop:

No action was taken.

I. Sports Complex Lawn Budget:

Gill moved to approve 2015 expenses for the sports complex lawn/grass as estimated. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C. 4-0.

J. Pre-school tuition:

The Board approved pre-school tuition for the 2015-16 school year at \$12 per day on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. M.C. 4-0.

K. Auction for 1974 wood bleachers:

An auction will be held for the sale of the wood bleachers in the 1974 gym. Time and date to be determined.

L. FEH – Bid summary and recommendation:

Kramper moved to approve the base bid from Sioux Contractors for \$608,200, decline alternate A1 (6 row bleachers), approve alternate A2 (weatherproofing north wall), and approve alternate M2 (web-based temperature controls from G & R) for the renovation of the 1974 gymnasium. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 4-0.

No action was taken on the additional teaching position or the principal contracts. The board decided to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, March 24th to discuss these items with a full board.

The next regular meeting will be held April 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary