

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
April 17, 2023 7:00 PM**

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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, April 17, 2023 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, 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, Christina Luebe, and Casey McGhee. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and 7 visitors.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,804,481.30, a depreciation fund balance of \$264,355.08, a bond fund balance of \$561,506.25, a special building fund balance of \$191,155.64, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,971.21, an activity fund balance of \$294,302.61, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$152,390.70; general fund disbursements of \$135,201.34; credit card payments; and the April payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan – Title I review, ESSER changes, staffing, legislative updates and summer facilities projects.

Principal Stansberry - Book study, Guiding Coalition meeting, Women in Leadership conference, 2023-24 academic schedule, assessment updates, testing schedules, and upcoming events.

Principal Hayes - Pre-school open house, kindergarten roundup, testing schedules, event dates, and the completion of teacher evaluations.

Athletic Director Hayes – District meet schedules, conference meet schedules, and football playoffs now hosted by the higher seed.

The printed reports are on file.

The board committee on American Civics and the technology committee met prior to the regular board meeting.

Discussion Items:

At a policy committee meeting, it was decided to try the KSB School Law policy service. The committee will have policies ready for approval at the July 2023 regular board meeting.

The board considered the offer of an SRO grant but decided not to pursue it at the current time.

The pancake breakfast for the seniors and staff will be held Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. The board members will be serving.

Dohma moved to approve the early graduation request from Zoe Kastning. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve the option enrollment request of one kindergartener into the district from Homer. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma moved for the last day of school for the 2022-23 school year to be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

The resignation of Duane Krusemark as bus driver effective April 30<sup>th</sup> was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

The contract of Mr. Matt Koepp as 7-12 Social Studies teacher for the 23-24 school year was approved on a motion by Burki, second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the quote from Glass Edge for replacement of the kitchen door in Ponca. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Luebe moved to approve the Sterling quote #3 for the purchase of staff laptops. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

At 7:57 pm Luebe moved to enter into executive session to discuss job performance of individuals. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

At 8:14 pm the session was declared over and Dohma moved to resume open session. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

The next regular board meeting will be held on May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:21 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Respectively submitted:

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

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Shawn Fethkenher, Board President