

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
April 20, 2020**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020 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 post office and the school house door, published in the Nebraska Journal Leader, and given to all members of the Board of Education. A link to the meeting was published on the school website. 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 open session of the meeting was available to the public via videoconference due to the CDC's limitation of public gatherings to 10 people or less.

President Book called the meeting to order at 7:30 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: Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Others present during the meeting were Supt. Jody Phillips, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Duane Krusemark and Sec. Lorrie Huston.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the March 16, 2020, March 25, 2020 and March 30, 2020 meetings; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$914,035.79 a depreciation fund balance of \$188,912.73, a bond fund balance of \$421,692.52, a special building fund balance of \$281,439.44, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,085.73, an activity fund balance of \$249,220.52, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$4,862.28; general fund disbursements of \$141,284.64; credit card payments; and the April payroll report.

Supt. Phillips, Principal Hayes, and Principal Lahm gave the administration reports. Information included cancellations and postponements of scheduled events, class pre-registration dates, and the changes being made on a daily basis to accommodate State and Federal guidelines for teaching during the coronavirus pandemic.

Athletic Director Hayes was given permission by the Board to letter seniors who went out for Spring sports this year but were not allowed to participate. Underclassmen who went out for Spring sports this year, and earned a letter next year, would earn both years' letters next year. He also talked about the change in physicals requirements for next year and honoring Spring athletes at the football field on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The monthly student enrollment report was presented. There were no option enrollment requests.

Supt. Phillips gave an update on the remote learning, continuity of learning and end of school year. He thanked the parents, teachers and students for their work. Also, he is proposing to conclude new instruction for the school year between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> and to continue through May 15<sup>th</sup> working with students on assignments as needed. Seniors would be finished on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The week of May 18<sup>th</sup> would be used to schedule the return of textbooks and to close classrooms.

The administration presented their decision to hold a graduation ceremony virtually by preparing a video to be shown on May 29<sup>th</sup> over the school website. After discussion of additional options, the Board agreed the video was the safest and best way to honor the 2020 graduates with respect to the social distancing guidelines. Dohma thanked the administration for all that they are doing during the school closure.

The follow up for a previous early graduation request will be postponed until the May board meeting.

The early graduation request of Landon Fox was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of math teacher David Christensen was approved on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of Jackson music teacher Tamara Schram was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of Jackson special education teacher LuAnn Petersen was approved on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of Jackson elementary secretary Sue Gill was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of bus driver Darrell Roland passed with a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The employment contract for 7-12 math teacher Sadie Voss was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The employment contract for Jackson special education teacher Beth Burki was approved on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

The head volleyball coach position for Jessica Templeman was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Voting Nay: Burki. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the 2020-21 District calendar amendment changing parent-teacher conferences from Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The 2020-21 Interim Superintendent of Schools contract for Duane Krusemark was approved with a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Bids submitted for the sports complex maintenance were discussed and considered. The 3-year bid from MB Mowing/Monte Burki at \$25,033.86 per year was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

The bid from Earth Services and Abatement to remove the asbestos siding on the vacant house was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 9:10 p.m., Kramper made a motion to enter into executive session. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 9:40 the session was declared over and Kramper moved to resume open session, seconded by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

At 9:41 p.m., there being no further business, Gill moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: 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, Board President