

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
August 17, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca Public Schools art room, 505 3rd 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 7:30 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. The following Board members were present: Rickett, Kramper, Dohma, Burki, and Gill. Absent: Book. Also present were Supt. Reznicek, Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston and 3 visitors.

Gill moved to approve the absence of Kenton Book. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0.

The agenda, with the addition of an executive session prior to item "H", was approved on a motion by Burki and second by Dohma. M.C. 5-0.

Minutes from the July 20, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Kramper and a second by Gill. M.C. 5-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Gill and a second by Burki. M.C. 5-0. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$469,487.80; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$105,225.16; a Bond Fund balance of \$991,458.39; a Special Building Fund balance of \$160,925.03; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,482.69; an Activity Fund balance of \$143,316.84; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$4,374.62.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Dohma, Kramper, Rickett, Gill. Voting Aye but abstaining on check #23808: Burki. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$145,957.13; and Special Building Fund disbursements totaled \$2,554.43.

The three school board members appointed to the Americanism committee are Dohma, Burki and Kramper.

Administration Reports:

Supt. Reznicek, Principal Rinas and Principal Hayes reported on the various sessions they attended at Administrator Days in July; the Jackson pre-school passed the evaluation and is now certified; MAP testing will begin on August 26th for the 7-12 grades with elementary following; the entire staff completed Nebraska Dept of Education mandated suicide prevention training; professional speaker Barry Carlson spoke to the staff during in-service days; and Rohan Murphy will be speaking to the students on August 21st. The school will be receiving e-Rate funds of \$42,559 to use towards telephone and internet access. The Board thanked Kristie Hayes for applying for the e-Rate funds.

Athletic Director Hayes updated the Board on Fall sports schedules and participant numbers; the progress on the new scoreboards; using membership fees to purchase mats for the weight room; and meeting with elementary coaches to explain contact rules.

Board Communications and Committee Reports:

The State Education Conference will be held November 18-20. The finance committee will meet on August 25th at 7:30 p.m. to go over the preliminary budget. President Rickett asked for advisory committee member names to be submitted to him by Friday so the committee could meet as soon as possible.

New Business:

Dohma moved to approve the option enrollments for Arthur Lamprecht, kdg., and Hannah Shattuck, 11th grade, into the District. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0.

A list of home schooled children in the District was presented.

The teacher evaluation and appraisal tool which is currently used by the Administration was made available.

Expenses for the NASB Area Membership Meeting were approved on a motion by Burki, second by Kramper. M.C. 5-0.

At 8:39 p.m., Gill moved to enter into executive session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0. The session was declared over at 9:04 p.m.

The resignation of Brooke Lewon as a para-educator was approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by Burki. M.C. 5-0.

Dohma moved to hire Stacy Heald as a para-educator for Jackson Elementary. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0.

Cathy Velez was hired as a special education para-educator for the Ponca Elementary on a motion by Dohma and second by Burki. M.C. 5-0.

Dohma moved to approve the girls' soccer co-op with South Sioux City. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0.

The agenda item to hire a wrestling coach was tabled.

Burki moved to approve the cost of up to \$1312 for landscaping by the Fine Arts building. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0.

No motion was made for the agenda item concerning the west parking lot island landscaping. The building committee will meet to discuss the situation.

Kramper moved to approve the hiring of Caleb Foulks for the head custodial position. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0.

At 9:37 p.m. Kramper made a motion to enter into executive session for the protection of the public interest. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0. The session was declared over at 10:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held September 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary