

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
August 21, 2017**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017 in the Ponca Public Schools room 126. The meeting was convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted 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.

Members present were Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill, and Phil Kramper. Absent: Kenton Book. Others present were Supt. Jody Phillips, Principal Derek Lahm, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 4 visitors.

Vice President Monte Burki called the meeting to order at 8:00 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.

Kramper moved to approve the absence of Kenton Book. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

The consent agenda without claims and accounts was approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. The consent agenda included the approval of the agenda, the minutes from the July 17, 2017 and July 31, 2017 meetings, and the financial reports.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Gill, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Abstaining: Burki. Absent: Book. M.C. General fund disbursements totaled \$117,111.43 and special building fund disbursements totaled \$103,859.90. A lost check to Sparq Data Solutions was re-issued in the amount of \$3100. Credit card charges and the monthly payroll report were reviewed.

Supt. Phillips reported the new school year is in full swing with new teacher orientation, staff in-service meetings, elementary open house, the chromebook rollouts and the solar eclipse activities. He and Principal Lahm met with the city police chief to establish a working relationship and a plan for student safety. Mr. Lahm clarified the semester test policy, thanked the staff and Mrs. Hayes for a successful chromebook rollout, and talked about the progress of the Apex program for the Spanish curriculum. Homecoming activities begin on September 9th, a civil war statue rededication will be held on September 5th at the cemetery, and a Veterans' Day program will be held on November 13th. Supt. Phillips informed the Board of the valuation amounts from Dixon and Dakota counties with the Dixon county valuation being lower than the past year.

Principal Hayes joined the meeting at 8:24 p.m. after driving bus for the volleyball team to a game in South Sioux City. Hayes reported on the elementary staff training on August 8th for the new Journeys reading series, the 5th grade Ag day in Jackson on August 24th, and the eclipse activities for the elementary. He also reviewed the schedules for softball, volleyball and football teams and explained why South Sioux City schools declined a cooperative for their swim team.

Richard Dohma reported on his attendance at the NASB board meeting. Supt. Phillips thanked Mr. Dohma for his service on the NASB board.

Dohma moved to approve the option enrollment requests into the District of Trevin Williamson-Scoggan, 5th grade, and Teagan Scoggan, 8th grade, and the option enrollment request out of the District of Gilberto Avila-Billanueva Jr, 8th grade. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve expenses for Supt. Phillips to attend the following: NCSA Labor Relations Conference, NASB Area Membership Meeting, NCSA New Superintendent Retreat, State Education Conference, and NCSA Legislative Preview. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Policy 5416 – Student Fees, Policy 3131-School Lunch Procurement, and Policy 5418 – Homeless Students were all approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve a two year lease of 30 chromebooks in the amount of \$13,453.86. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Payment to Alicap in the amount of \$90,349.00 for the annual worker's compensation insurance, property, liability, boiler & machinery and errors & omissions insurance premium was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Kramper moved to give Supt. Phillips the flexibility to negotiate the agreement with the city of Ponca concerning the use of the softball fields/facilities for the 2017-18 school year. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

The 2017-18 special education tuition contract with South Sioux City Schools in the amount of \$46,220 was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Principal Lahm presented the multicultural education report for the District.

Kristie Hayes gave the technology report.

At 9:20 p.m, Kramper moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the reason for the increase in the Alicap Insurance experience modifier. Executive session is necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. The executive session was declared over at 9:28 p.m.

The next regular meeting date will be September 18th. The 2017-18 budget hearing and tax request hearing will be held prior to the regular meeting on that same date.

At 10:00 p.m., there being no further business, Kramper moved to approve the adjournment of the meeting. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary