

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 20, 2021**

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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, December 20, 2021 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3rd 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 and the school house door, 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 Book 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 Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 4 visitors.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

The Ponca Education Association brought treats for the Board to enjoy.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,732,953.35, a depreciation fund balance of \$218,909.71, a bond fund balance of \$360,614.45, a special building fund balance of \$251,944.49, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,276.96, an activity fund balance of \$226,927.59, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$69,391.55; general fund disbursements of \$40,617.11; credit card payments; and the December payroll report.

Superintendent Calahan, Principal Lahm, and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports. There were no board communications or committee reports.

The report from the external visit team was reviewed. The external visit was conducted on November 19, 2021.

The board retreat on December 11th will need to be rescheduled. Superintendent Calahan will ask the facilitator to reserve February 2nd as the new retreat date.

The American Civics Committee Meeting was held and the administration explained how the district is complying with the requirements of LB399.

Payment to MB Mowing in the amount of \$2275.80 for the monthly Sports Complex maintenance was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the bid from G&R Controls to replace the coil on the East gym air conditioner. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. Supt. Calahan will confirm the cost of the crane rental.

Burki moved to approve the 2022-2023 Negotiated Agreement between the Ponca Public School District and the Ponce Education Association. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The agreement allows for a total package increase of 3.67% which includes a base salary increase of \$825 and the EHA's increase on the district's share of the insurance premiums. The base salary will be \$38,000.

The school calendar dates for Spring Break in 2022 were moved from March 4th and 7th to March 10th and 11th on a motion by Kramper and second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

After discussion, Dohma moved to approve the superintendent evaluation of Brendan Calahan for placement in his personnel file. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 8:07 p.m., Gill made a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of the superintendent's contract. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 9:20 p.m., Gill moved to resume open session. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

No motion was made on action item 8.6. It will be addressed at the January board meeting after proper notification under the Superintendent Transparency Act.

The next regular board meeting will be held on January 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:23 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

Kenton Book, Board President