

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 18, 2023**

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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 18, 2023 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, 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, and Casey McGhee. Absent: Christina Luebe. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and 7 visitors.

Dohma moved to excuse absent member Christina Luebe. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the November 20, 2023 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,486,748.75, a depreciation fund balance of \$400,688.74, a bond fund balance of \$413,454.24, a special building fund balance of \$56,907.53, an employee benefit fund balance of \$9,050.18, an activity fund balance of \$306,572.57, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$139,002.28; general fund disbursements of \$113,159.44; credit card payments; and the December payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan –Reported on the progress of filling current staff openings, the professional development day on February 12th, the ALICAP building valuations, upcoming events, and work days to date.

Principal Stansberry –Reported on the recently published AQUESTT ratings, ACT data, and NSCAS data. The district's AQUESTT rating went from Great in 21-22 to Excellent in 22-23.

Luebe joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Elementary Principal Hayes – Reported on the elementary Christmas events, the Elementary Student Council food drive, the Reading Act Bill requirements, MAP testing, teacher evaluation progress, and report cards going out on January 9th.

Athletic Director Hayes – Reported on the winter sports season, streaming of contests in the east gym, refinishing the gym floor December 22nd and 23rd, and the Holiday Moratorium December 23rd through the 27th. He also handed out the football enrollment numbers for next year.

The printed reports are on file.

There were no Board communications or committee reports.

Discussion Items: Members of the School Improvement Team updated the Board on their progress and plans for the next semester. There is a link on the school website that showcases what they have been doing to get ready for the next accreditation external visit.

Action Items:

McGhee moved to accept the 22-23 District Audit. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

The 24-25 Negotiated Agreement was amended on a motion by Luebe, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. The amendment clarified wording concerning the children of certified staff being admitted to events without charge.

Dohma moved to approve the quote for the Jackson school HVAC system flush from Rasmussen. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

The resignation of Fran Hassler as high school guidance counselor was approved on a motion by Luebe, second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the contract of Mr. Evan Colfack as Assistant Principal/Activity Director for the 2024-25 school year. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

McGhee moved to accept the superintendent's evaluation for placement in his personnel file. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

At 7:42 p.m., Burki moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

The executive session was declared over at 9:09 p.m.

At 9:10 p.m., Burki made the motion 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 January 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:11 p.m., there being no further business, Luebe moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Respectively submitted:

Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary