

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Meeting
December 19, 2022**

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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 19, 2022 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 regular 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 call was taken. Members present were Kenton Book, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Absent: Monte Burki. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 5 visitors. Principal Hayes was absent due to an athletic event.

Kramper moved to approve the absence of Monte Burki. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.

On behalf of the Ponca Education Association, Keith Trusty addressed the Board to thank them for their service. The PEA also provided treats.

Fethkenher moved to approve the consent agenda and Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the November 21, 2022 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,337,483.82, a depreciation fund balance of \$267,364.98, a bond fund balance of \$370,648.35, a special building fund balance of \$191,671.46, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,294.11, an activity fund balance of \$281,788.93, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$129,903.41; general fund disbursements of \$44,391.43; depreciation fund disbursements of \$3,608.00; credit card payments; and the December payroll report.

Superintendent Calahan, and Principal Stansberry gave the administration reports. Principal Stansberry reported on the 2021-22 ACT data and the NSCAS testing data.

During Board Communications, Dohma thanked Kenton Book for his 20 years of service on the Board and John Gill for his 16 years of service on the Board. Superintendent presented plaques to Book and Gill and also thanked them for their service.

There were no option enrollment requests.

Superintendent Calahan presented information on current costs to maintain the grounds of two schools plus the sports complex versus adding an in-house position and purchasing equipment. At this time, it would not be financially feasible to add an in-house position.

Payment to MB Mowing in the amount of \$2275.80 was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C. This is the final payment of the three year contract with MB Mowing.

The resignations of Assistant Wrestling Coach Keith Trusty and Spanish Teacher Jill Camargo were accepted on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

Kramper moved to accept the bid from Webb Lawn Care including the clause to extend the contract to 6 years. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

President Book presented copies of the compiled superintendent evaluation to the Board members. After discussion, the superintendent evaluation was accepted for placement in his personnel file on a motion by Gill, second by Fethkenher. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

At 8:15 pm, Dohma made the motion to enter into executive session for personnel and the evaluation of job performance clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C. The session was declared over at 8:58 pm. At 8:59 pm Dohma moved to resume open session with a second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve extending Superintendent Calahan's contract through June 30th, 2025. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

The next regular meeting will be held January 16th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:01 p.m., there being no further business, Kramper moved to adjourn the meeting. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

Board President