

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
December 21, 2020**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. This meeting falls under Executive Order No. 20-34 signed by Governor Ricketts on October 30, 2020.

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 and the following members were present in person: Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Shawn Fethkenher and Phil Kramper. Present by teleconference: Richard Dohma. Absent: John Gill. Others present were Supt. Duane Krusemark, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and several visitors.

Burki moved to excuse absent member Gill. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher and Kramper. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

The Ponca Education Association brought treats for the Board members.

Fethkenher moved to approve the consent agenda and Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda with item 6.4 being moved to the end of the meeting; the minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting and the December 1, 2020 special meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,119,169.15, a depreciation fund balance of \$279,336.07, a bond fund balance of \$354,080.30, a special building fund balance of \$275,828.52, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6098.88, an activity fund balance of \$259,415.30, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$39,464.03; general fund disbursements of \$57,320.21; credit card payments; and the December payroll report.

Supt. Krusemark, Principal Lahm, and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports.

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

The second reading of Policy 6121 on Instruction passed with a motion by Kramper and second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The resignation and retirement of custodian Caleb Foulks was approved on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The 2021-2022 Negotiated Agreement between the Ponca Public Schools and the Ponca Education Association was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Fethkenher moved to hire Katie Ludwig as a high school special education para professional. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Superintendent Krusemark presented information on the Jackson Elementary boiler system. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet in January to further discuss the situation.

The 2019-20 Annual Report for Ponca Public Schools was presented.

Policy #5006 on Option Enrollment was reviewed.

At 7:44 p.m. Burki moved to enter into executive session, Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The executive session was declared over at 8:22 p.m. and open session was resumed on a motion by Burki, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The next regular meeting will be held January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a special meeting on December 29, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and a special meeting on January 7, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

At 8:25 p.m., there being no further business, Kramper moved to adjourn the meeting. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

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Kenton Book, President