

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 17, 2025 7:00 PM
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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, February 17, 2025 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, on the school website, 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 Richard Dohma called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The public was informed that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and Dohma led the flag salute. Roll was taken. Members present were Jerod Davis, Richard Dohma, Phil Kramper, Christina Luebe, Casey McGhee, and Julie Schamp. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal John Stroud, AD Evan Colfack, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 1 visitor.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

McGhee moved to approve the consent agenda and Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the January 20, 2025 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$3,144,320.61, a depreciation fund balance of \$503,818.80, a bond fund balance of \$563,013.95, a special building fund balance of \$72,225.67, an employee benefit fund balance of \$5,191.44, an activity fund balance of \$328,673.83, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$122,354.00; general fund disbursements of \$124,165.60; employee benefit fund disbursements of \$7.20; monthly credit card charges; and the February payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan reported on legislative updates for LB 645, LB 31, LB 303 and LB 509, expected quotes from Community Building Solutions in March, and the current opening for a Spanish teacher.

Principal Stansberry reported on special education updates, Anna Stroud being chosen as the January student of the month, students placing in the Dixon County Spelling Bee with Abraham Krusemark taking 1st place, Skyler Pick 2nd place, Maggie Poulosky 4th place and Cooper Curry 5th place, registration beginning for the 2025-26 school year, and Central Valley Ag bringing the Ag Simulator on February 7th.

Principal Stroud reported that parent-teacher conferences were held on February 13th, Jackson Elementary students will have a Valentine's Day roller skating party on February 21st, new reading/ELA curriculum materials are being reviewed, NSCAS testing will start on April 8th, Preschool Open House will be April 3rd and Kindergarten Sign up will be April 10th.

Activities Director Colfack reported that wrestling districts were held February 15th, girls' basketball subdistricts will be February 17-20, boys' basketball subdistricts will be held February 24-27, Conference Speech will be held March 1st and Conference Honor Band will be held March 10th.

Schamp moved to approve the 2025-2026 District calendar as presented. Davis seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U. The first day of school for students will be August 14, 2025.

The open enrollment requests for the 2025-26 school year of 2 kindergarteners into the district from the Hartington-Newcastle district were approved on a motion by Luebe, second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

McGhee moved to approve the payment of the 2025-26 Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) membership invoice in the amount of \$4,487. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

The 25-26 ESU1 Special Education service contract was approved with a motion by Schamp, second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

McGhee moved to approve, with thanks for service, the resignation of Spanish Teacher Drew Buck at the end of the 24-25 school year. Davis seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the resignations conditional upon suitable replacement of head football coach Troy Evans and head One-Act coach Adam Webb. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

At 7:37 pm, Schamp made the motion to enter into executive session for a strategy session in regards to negotiating personnel contracts. Davis seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U. The executive session was declared over at 9:25pm.

Schamp moved to resume the meeting in open session. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

The 2025-26 contract terms for the High School Principal, Elementary Principal and Assistant Principal/Activities Director were approved as discussed with a motion by Kramper, second by Davis. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

The next regular board meeting will be held on March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:27 p.m., there being no further business, McGhee moved to adjourn the meeting. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Dohma, President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary