

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 19, 2024**

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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 19, 2024 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 Christina Luebe. Absent: Casey McGhee. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and 3 visitors. Principal Hayes was absent due to basketball sub-districts.

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

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Luebe moved to approve the consent agenda. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the January 15, 2024 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$3,164,869.58, a depreciation fund balance of \$401,395.71, a bond fund balance of \$546,637.57, a special building fund balance of \$56,907.53, an employee benefit fund balance of \$9,057.10, an activity fund balance of \$306,077.06, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$131,121.78; general fund disbursements of \$134,838.51; credit card payments; and the February payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan –Reported on the progress of filling current staff openings, the success of the professional development day on February 12th, the Rule 10 Compliance visit on February 29th, repair progress at the sports complex, e-Rate funds, a program to purchase local beef, and the lunch fund limit overage.

Principal Stansberry –Reported on the February 12th professional development day, evaluations, the book study, assessment schedules, the spelling bee, the education fair, the Billy Michal student leadership award, and the reVISION work day.

Principal Hayes' report was read by Superintendent Calahan. It included the Valentine's day swimming party for K-2nd grades, parent-teacher conference attendance, NSCAS testing in April, Ponca Elementary students' AR goals, Pre-school open house on April 11th, and remaining evaluations.

The athletic director report included the season endings for wrestling and girls' basketball with the boys' basketball team hosting sub-districts February 19th, 20th and 22nd. Spring activities can begin practice on February 26th.

Richard Dohma reported on the January 25th meeting of the technology committee to discuss and recommend one of the IT contracts.

Phil Kramper mentioned the February 26th blood drive at the community center to benefit the Bennett family.

There were no discussion items.

Action Items:

Burki moved to approve the IT Management contract from Five Nines. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Option Enrollment requests into the district for two kindergarten students in 2024-25 were approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the addition of shot clocks in the East gym. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

The 2024-25 School Year Calendar was approved as presented with a motion by Luebe, second by Kramper. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C. The first day of school will be August 15, 2024.

The retirement of business teacher Suzette Curry at the end of the school year was approved with a motion by Luebe and second by Dohma. The Board thanked Mrs. Curry for her 23 years of service to Ponca Public Schools. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

The resignation of LaRita Stewart as cheerleading sponsor was approved with a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Burki moved to approve the contract of Makayla Hoffart as high school math teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the contract of John Stroud as elementary principal. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

The contract of Dacia Jensen as elementary counselor was approved on a motion by Luebe, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Dohma moved to authorize the superintendent to execute all necessary documents to attain new conference affiliation. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

The 24-25 high school principal contract for Allison Stansberry was approved as presented with a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

The next regular board meeting will be held on March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:07 p.m., there being no further business, Luebe moved to adjourn the meeting. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Respectively submitted:

Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary