

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2023 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 20, 2023 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, 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, Christina Luebe, and Casey McGhee. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and 5 visitors.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Luebe moved to approve the consent agenda and Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the January 16, 2023 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,952,744.22, a depreciation fund balance of \$264,028.97, a bond fund balance of \$507,815.38, a special building fund balance of \$191,155.64, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,299.26, an activity fund balance of \$300,572.39, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$142,864.95; general fund disbursements of \$120,735.23; credit card payments; and the February payroll report.

Superintendent Calahan, Principal Stansberry, and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports. The printed reports are on file. There were no board communications or committee reports.

Superintendent Calahan informed the Board of his discussion with Tami O'Dell on Pathways offering an after school program at the Jackson building next year. He also talked about replacing the class composite flip frames in the gymnasium commons area with a touchscreen from the Blue Chalk company.

Dohma moved to approve payment to Hobart for a new ice machine. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve the gym floor maintenance quote from Court Floors. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the option enrollment request for the 2023-24 school year for 3 kindergarten students who currently attend preschool in the district. Two are from Homer and one is from Emerson-Hubbard. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma made a motion to approve the ESU #1 special education contract for 2023-24 services. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. Abstaining (with conflict): Fethkenher. M.C.

The 2023-24 school calendar was approved as presented on a motion by Luebe, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the payment of the 2023-24 NASB Annual Membership Dues. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

At 7:53 pm, Burki made the motion to enter into executive session for strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 8:30 pm and Burki moved to resume open session with a second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. McGhee moved to approve the 2023-24 Elementary Principal Contract as discussed in executive session for Bob Hayes. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

At 8:33 pm, Dohma made the motion to enter into executive session for strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 9:12 pm and Burki moved to resume open session with a second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. Kramper moved to approve the 2023-24 High School Principal Contract as discussed in executive session for Allison Stansberry. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

The next regular board meeting will be held on March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:14 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Respectively submitted:

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

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Shawn Fethkenher, Board President