

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 20, 2017 7:00p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in room 126 of Ponca Public Schools, 505 3rd Street, Ponca, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice was given in advance 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.

The following Board members were present: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: none. Also present were Supt. Reznicek, Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston, and several visitors.

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.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Burki and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Minutes from the January 17, January 18 and January 21, 2017 meetings were approved with a motion by Kramper and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Kramper and a second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$779,179.14; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$255,713.54; a Bond Fund balance of \$726,548.04; a Special Building Fund balance of \$378,851.83; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,484.94; an Activity Fund balance of \$159,866.39; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$24,381.28.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Burki and a second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U. General Fund disbursements totaled \$128,573.28.

There were no option enrollment requests.

Administration Reports:

Supt. Reznicek, Principal Hayes and Principal Rinas visited with leaders of the Ponca Indian tribe and a member of the Winnebago Indian tribe. They discussed the school's Indian mascot as well as the history of the Ponca Indians and educating the students of the district on the Ponca Indians. Board members agreed with a plan to introduce an annual lesson on the history, food, and culture of the Ponca Indians for our students and staff.

Principal Rinas reported that the school improvement team met in February and looked at data. They concluded that they need to retain the literacy goal already in place. She also congratulated the school spelling bee winners that went on to the Dixon County spelling bee in Concord, Nebraska. The PLC meetings were held in February and they continued the book they are working on. The Conference speech meet will be held Saturday, February 25th. There are 23 participants out for speech.

Principal Hayes reported on a K-2 rollerskating party for Valentine's day, the city of Jackson is willing to take the unused playground equipment, and the elementary teachers are preparing for NeSA testing.

Hayes asked the Board to consider a girls' cross country program at the March board meeting. The track coaches are asking to add an assistant coach because of the number of students participating. The board agreed to hire an assistant track coach.

The wrestlers made a good showing at the district wrestling meet but did not qualify any wrestlers for the State Tournament. Ponca did not get a District track meet this year.

Kristie Hayes, Katie Keifer, Zane Webb, Adam Poulosky, Rachel Kneifl and Zach Statema gave a presentation on technology use in the school system.

The PLC and School Improvement committee members asked the Board to consider weekly Monday morning hour-long PLC meetings from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. with a school starting time of 9:10 a.m. in Ponca and 9:20 a.m. in Jackson. Committee members giving the presentation were Michelle Rinas, Bob Hayes, Suzette Curry, Katie Kiefer, Lisa Wenger and Lisa Balvantin. The topic was tabled until the March meeting.

Five board members are planning on attending the NRCSA Spring Conference in Kearney and no one will be attending the Back to Basics School Law meeting in Norfolk.

The following community relations memorial policies were approved on a motion by Burki and second by Dohma: Policy #1500 Statement of Intent, Policy #1510 Student and Employee Memorials, Policy #1520 Remembrances, Policy #1530 Yearbook Memorial Page and Yearbook Coverage, Policy #1540 Memorial Activity Requests, Policy #1550 Existing Memorials, and Policy #1560 Related Memorial Events. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the 2017 driver's education instructor's rate for Dan Loofe as \$150 per student, the 2017 driver's ed resident tuition at \$230 per student and the non-resident tuition at \$300 per student. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Dohma made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Superintendent contract for Mr. Jody Phillips. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the resignation of teacher Carla Taylor at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The resignation of secondary principal Michelle Rinas was approved with a motion by Burki, second by Kramper. M.C.U. The Board thanked Ms. Rinas for her years of service to the Ponca School District.

Kristie Hayes instructed the board members on setting up new gmail accounts.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Ponca.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary