

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 16, 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, January 16, 2023 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.

Vice President Shawn Fethkenher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. New members Christina Luebe and Casey McGhee took the Oath of Office for the Ponca School District Board of Education. The public was informed that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and Fethkenher led the flag salute. 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, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 2 visitors.

Vice President Fethkenher turned the meeting over to Superintendent Calahan for nominations of Board President. Dohma moved to elect Shawn Fethkenher as Board President for 2023, second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Superintendent Calahan turned the meeting back over to President Fethkenher. President Fethkenher called for nominations for Board Vice President. Motion to elect Richard Dohma as Vice President passed with a motion by McGhee, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve the appointment of Lorrie Huston as Board Secretary. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

On a motion by Burki, second by Luebe, Lorrie Huston was approved as treasurer for the Board of Education. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and McGhee 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 December 19, 2022 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,046,576.05, a depreciation fund balance of \$264,028.97, a bond fund balance of \$371,103.62, a special building fund balance of \$191,671.46, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,296.58, an activity fund balance of \$290,774.47, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$133,298.47; general fund disbursements of \$64,543.12; building fund disbursements of \$515.82; bond fund disbursements of \$666.50; credit card payments; and the January payroll report.

Principal Bob Hayes joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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.

The Board reviewed the Ponca Public Schools 2022-23 Safe Return to School Plan that was approved on July 19, 2021. There were no public comments and no changes to the plan.

The Potential Conflict of Interest Statement form was given to the Board Members. An official of a school district holding elective office must file this form if he or she has a potential conflict of interest.

Superintendent Calahan named the members of the Board committees as follows:
American Civics, Curriculum and Technology Committee: Kramper, Burki, Dohma
Buildings and Ground Committee: Kramper, Fethkenher, Luebe
Policy Committee: Burki, McGhee, Luebe
Transportation Committee: Kramper, Burki, McGhee
Negotiations Committee: Fethkenher, Dohma, Luebe

Finance Committee: Dohma, Fethkenher, McGhee

Brendan Calahan was designated as the authorized District representative on a motion by Burki, second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Brendan Calahan was designated as the official accounts custodian of the District on a motion by Luebe, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to designate the third Monday of the month as the official meeting day for the Board of Education. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

The Nebraska Journal Leader and the Sioux City Journal were approved as the District's newspapers of record on a motion by Dohma and second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Luebe moved to approve the selection of the Bank of Dixon County as the District's Depository Bank. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. Abstaining (with conflict): Dohma. M.C.

KSB School Law Firm and the Perry Law Firm were designated as the District's legal counsel on a motion by Burki, second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the contract of Jamie Hamar as Spanish teacher for the remainder of the 22-23 school year. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

The resignation of Jamie Hamar at the conclusion of the 22-23 school year was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Payment to Rosetta Stone for Spanish Online Software was approved on a motion by Luebe, second by Kramper. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Drew Buck was approved as the Spanish teacher for the 2023-24 school year on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki.

McGhee moved to approve the 2023-2025 Superintendent's contract as propped. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

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

At 7:53 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary