

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 17, 2022 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 17, 2022 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 Book 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 Kenton Book, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Absent: Monte Burki and Richard Dohma. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 5 visitors.

Gill moved to approve the absence of members Burki and Dohma. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.

Public comment was received from Will Kastning.

President Book turned the meeting over to Superintendent Calahan for nominations of Board President. Motion to cease nominations and elect Kenton Book as Board President for 2022 passed on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Burki, Dohma. M.C.

Superintendent Calahan turned the meeting back over to President Book. President Book called for nominations for Board Vice President. Motion to cease nominations and elect Shawn Fethkenher as Vice President passed with a motion by Gill, second by Kramper. Voting Yea: Book, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki, Dohma. M.C.

Fethkenher moved to approve the consent agenda and Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Burki, Dohma. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the December 20, 2021 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,527,572.37, a depreciation fund balance of \$219,063.35, a bond fund balance of \$362,057.28, a special building fund balance of \$251,950.88, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,278.01, an activity fund balance of \$241,905.24, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$72,452.39; general fund disbursements of \$58,333.96; building fund disbursements of \$515.82; bond fund disbursements of \$666.50; credit card payments; and the January payroll report.

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

Monte Burki joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Kramper moved to approve the appointment of Lorrie Huston as Board Secretary. Burki seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

On a motion by Gill, second by Fethkenher, Lorrie Huston was approved as treasurer for the Board of Education. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Burki moved to approve the election of Board committees as determined. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

The committees are as follows:

American Civics, Curriculum and Technology Committee: Dohma, Burki, Kramper

Buildings and Ground Committee: Kramper, Book, Fethkenher

Policy Committee: Gill, Burki, Fethkenher

Transportation Committee: Kramper, Gill, Burki

Negotiations Committee: Book, Dohma, Gill

Finance Committee: Book, Dohma, and Fethkenher

Burki moved to approve the selection of the Bank of Dixon County as the District's Depository Bank. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

KSB School Law Firm and the Perry Law Firm were approved as the District's legal counsel on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Gill. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

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

Brendan Calahan was designated as the official accounts custodian of the District on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Gill. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Brendan Calahan was designated as the authorized District representative on a motion by Burki, second by Fethkenher. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Gill moved to designate the third Monday of the month as the official meeting day for the Ponca Public Schools Board of Education. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Kramper moved to designate Krohn Car Care, Ponca Cooperative, Butch's Truck Repair, Inland Truck and Cornhusker International as the District's mechanics. Gill seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Fethkenher moved to approve the Superintendent's contract amendment as posted. Burki seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Gill moved to approve the option enrollment request of a kindergarten student into the District for the 2022-23 school year. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

A motion was made by Fethkenher to approve payment of the remaining balance in the Dixon County Common School Cooperative Account to Nemaha Landscape Construction for the Wakefield School

District and to close the account. Gill seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Fethkenher moved to adopt by resolution the NASB School Board Member Code of Conduct. Burki seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

The Board reviewed the Ponca Public Schools 2021-22 Safe Return to School Plan that was approved on July 19, 2021. The Board supports the administration as they decide on the best way to move forward with adjustments to quarantine periods and masking suggestions as recommended by the public health agencies and local medical professionals.

Superintendent Calahan offered conflict of interest statement forms to the Board members as required.

The next regular board meeting will be held on February 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:02 p.m., there being no further business, Kramper moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary