

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 18, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. room 127 of the 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 of this meeting 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: Rickett, Kramper, Gill, Dohma, Book, Burki. Also present were Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston and 8 visitors. Supt. Reznicek is on medical leave.

The Oath of Office was read by all Board members. Principal Rinas called for nominations of officers for 2016. Doug Rickett was elected Board President on a nomination by Dohma, second by Burki. M.C.U. Kenton Book was elected Vice President on a nomination by Gill, second by Dohma. M.C.U. Kramper moved to appoint Lorrie Huston as Secretary/Treasurer, second by Book. M.C.U.

President Rickett called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Dohma and a second by Burki. M.C. 6-0.

Cindy Anderson addressed the Board to represent a group that will be doing fundraising for a new sound system in the west gymnasium. A community music festival/soup supper and raffle will be held on Sunday, February 21st for the purpose of raising the funds. Board members commended the group for their enthusiasm and initiative in this project.

Minutes from the December 21, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Book and a second by Gill. M.C. 6-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Burki and a second by Dohma. M.C. 6-0. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$155,435.50; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$105,288.48; a Bond Fund balance of \$725,020.39; a Special Building Fund balance of \$15,986.12; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,483.32; an Activity Fund balance of \$153,722.97; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$23,187.00.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Book and a second by Gill. M.C. 6-0. General Fund disbursements totaled \$73,295.06 which included a \$1500 payment to NETS approved at the December meeting; Building Fund Sports Complex disbursements totaled \$1,527.66, and a Building Fund disbursement in the amount of \$50,000 repaid the loan from the Bond Fund.

Principal Rinas recognized the contributions of school improvement team members Lisa Balvantin and Suzette Curry as they are resigning from the team. The AdvancED report and the crisis book updates will be reported on at the February Board meeting. The Snowball coronation and dance have been re-scheduled for January 29th at 7 p.m. Principal Rinas also recognized the students selected to attend the 2016 Singing Youth of Nebraska Jr. High Honor Choir in North Platte, Nebraska.

Principal Hayes reported on the elementary MAP testing results and he commended the elementary staff for the improvement in the scores. As Athletic Director, Hayes reported on proposals being discussed by the

NSAA, conference tournament schedules and the wrestling coaches' request for a team trip to Lincoln to watch IA/NE college wrestling.

Burki reported on the progress of the 1 to 1 device committee. They will have more information by the February Board meeting. Building and Grounds committee will be seeking bids to maintain the Sports Complex, the west gym roof leak will be repaired by Winkler roofing and Sioux Contractors has been notified of the need for repair of the gym wall pads. In order to use the e-meetings more efficiently, more administrative and committee report information needs to be added to the agenda prior to the meeting and members are challenged to be better prepared. Initial outside lighting changes will be new LED bulbs in the three bus light poles and one on the outside east gym wall and also a new light over the dumpster area. More bulbs will be replaced if these prove to be satisfactory. The transportation committee will research the purchase of a different bus to utilize the rebate made available by the Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality. John Gill will be replacing Doug Rickett on the Building and Grounds committee.

Dohma moved to approve the committee appointments as reviewed. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Burki moved to approve the designation of the official depository for the school district as the Bank of Dixon County. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book. Abstaining: Dohma. M.C. 6-0.

The Nebraska Journal Leader was designated as the official newspaper for the school district on a motion by Kramper, second by Dohma. M.C. 6-0.

Ms. Reznicek was designated the official accounts custodian on a motion by Book, second by Kramper. M.C. 6-0.

Ms. Reznicek was designated the authorized representative on a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. M.C. 6-0.

The third Monday of each month was designated as the official meeting day for the Ponca School Board on a motion by Book, second by Burki. M.C. 6-0.

No Board members will be attending the NRCSA Legislative Forum.

No motions were made on the 2016 Education Forum or the School Board as Judge and Jury conference approval of expenses. Both items will be addressed on the February agenda.

Book moved to approve the expenses for the NRCSA Spring Conference. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper moved to approve the negotiated agreement for the 2016-17 school year. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper asked to discuss rental requirements for the Jackson gymnasium as there has been a request for non-district team practices. The rental costs and exceptions for civic organizations were discussed.

At 9:10 p.m., Burki made a motion to enter into executive session for the protection of the public interest. Book seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Rickett, Book, Burki, Gill, Dohma, Kramper. M.C. 6-0. The session was declared over at 9:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be held February 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in room 127.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary