

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 19, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca Public Schools art room, 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 Supt. Reznicek, Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston and 4 visitors.

The Oath of Office was read by all Board members. Supt. Reznicek called for nominations of officers for 2015. Doug Rickett was elected Board President on a nomination by Book, second by Burki. M.C.U. Kenton Book was elected Vice President on a nomination by Dohma, second by Burki. M.C.U. Kramper moved to appoint Lorrie Huston as Secretary/Treasurer, second by Gill. M.C.U. Board appointments to committees were reviewed and no changes were made.

President Rickett called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett. M.C. 6-0.

Paul Greiger of D.A.Davidson presented information related to refinancing the school bond and the resolution to be voted on.

Minutes from the December 6, 2014 and December 15, 2014 meetings were approved with a motion by Book and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book. M.C. 6-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Gill and a second by Burki. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book, Burki. M.C. 6-0. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$138,348.24; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$137,196.47; a Bond Fund balance of \$341,543.35; a Special Building Fund balance of \$298,891.71; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,481.81; an Activity Fund balance of \$177,122.33; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$15,797.99. Book suggested that the money loaned in December from the Bond Fund to the General Fund be transferred back as soon as possible. Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Book and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book, Dohma, Burki. M.C. 6-0. General Fund disbursements totaled \$117,237.58; Depreciation Fund disbursements totaled \$10,566.42; and Building Fund Sports Complex disbursements totaled \$277.36.

Dohma moved to approve the option enrollment out of the district to Allen Public Schools of James Kneifl, the option enrollment out of the district to South Sioux City Schools of Jorge Cabrales, and the option enrollment into the district from Allen Public Schools of Carmen Hoffman. Motion was seconded by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Rickett, Gill, Kramper. M.C. 6-0.

New Business

A. Board Calendar 2015:

The Board Calendar for 2015 was reviewed and will be available at each Board meeting.

B. NCSA Legislative Bill Summaries:

An NCSA compiled list of education related legislative bill summaries for the 104th Legislature, 1st session was distributed to the Board members for informational purposes.

C. Administrative Reports:

Administrators reported on the AdvancEd review process, completed surveys, the five school standards, testing schedules and NAEP testing, standards based grading, A QuESTT, an ESEA correspondence, and an update from the State Board of Education.

Athletic Director Hayes summarized the winter sports events yet to be held, the possible changes to football team classifications, and automatic timing of track meets.

D. Board Communications and Committee Reports:

The building committee reported on the progress of the architects toward the remodeling of the west gym.

E. Resolution:

Dohma moved to pass and adopt the resolution to refinance the high school bond. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett. M.C. 6-0

F. Designation of Official Depository:

Gill 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.

G. Designation of the Official Newspaper:

The Nebraska Journal Leader was designated as the official newspaper for the school district on a motion by Kramper, second by Book. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book, Burki. M.C. 6-0.

H. Designation of Official Accounts Custodian:

Ms. Reznicek was designated the official accounts custodian on a motion by Burki, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book, Burki, Dohma. M.C. 6-0.

I. Designation of Authorized Representative:

Ms. Reznicek was designated the authorized representative on a motion by Burki, second by Book. Voting Aye: Kramper, Rickett, Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill. M.C. 6-0.

J. NCSA/NASB Education Forum:

Kramper moved to approve expenses for interested members to attend the Education Forum in Kearney. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Rickett, Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. M.C. 6-0.

K. NRCSA Legislative Forum:

Expenses to attend the NRCSA Legislative Forum were approved on a motion by Gill, second by Book. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett. M.C. 6-0.

L. NRCSA Spring Conference:

Conference and hotel expenses for the NRCSA Spring Conference were approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book. M.C. 6-0.

M. Teacher Resignation:

Math teacher Mark Gehring's resignation at the end of the 2014-15 school year was accepted on a motion by Book, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book, Burki. M.C. 6-0. Board members thanked Mr. Gehring for his many years of dedication and service to the Ponca students, his participation on the negotiations team, and for his faithful attendance at school board meetings.

N. Activity Resignation: No action was taken.

O. 2015-16 Negotiations Agreement

Dohma moved to approve the negotiated agreement for the 2015-16 school year. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book, Burki, Dohma. M.C. 6-0.

P. Superintendent Evaluation Instrument:

Several examples of evaluation instruments were reviewed. A customized form for Ponca's Supt. evaluation will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

At 9:52 p.m., Book made a motion to enter into executive session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Rickett, Book, Burki, Gill, Dohma, Kramper. M.C. 6-0. The executive session was declared over at 10:01 p.m.

The next meeting will be held February 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca art room.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary