

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 20, 2025 7:00 PM**

Posting Date: January 16, 2025

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025 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, on the school website, 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 Richard Dohma called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. New members Julie Schamp and Jerod Davis 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 Dohma led the flag salute. Roll was taken. Members present were Jerod Davis, Richard Dohma, Phil Kramper, Christina Luebe, Casey McGhee, and Julie Schamp. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal John Stroud, AD Evan Colfack, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 8 visitors.

Vice President Dohma turned the meeting over to Superintendent Calahan for Board President nominations. Luebe nominated Richard Dohma. McGhee moved to elect Richard Dohma as Board President for 2025, second by Schamp. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

Superintendent Calahan turned the meeting back over to President Dohma. Dohma called for nominations for Board Vice President. Luebe nominated Casey McGhee. McGhee was elected as Vice President with a motion by Kramper, second by Davis. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

Dohma called for nominations for Board Secretary/Treasurer. Kramper nominated Lorrie Huston. Luebe moved to approve the appointment of Lorrie Huston as Secretary/Treasurer. Schamp seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

McGhee moved to approve the consent agenda and Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,516,169.74, a depreciation fund balance of \$503,818.80, a bond fund balance of \$440,978.33, a special building fund balance of \$907.53, an employee benefit fund balance of \$5,197.10, an activity fund balance of \$338,965.43, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$109,453.48; general fund disbursements of \$69,741.21; employee benefit fund disbursements of \$7.20; monthly credit card charges; and the January payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan reported on legislative updates, the new school website domain migration, the re-signing with Pepsi as the concession stand vendor, and the upcoming preparations for an external accreditation visit.

Principal Stansberry reported on special education updates, Olivia Taylor being chosen as the December student of the month, the spelling bee dates, schedule changes to adjust for Dr. Webb traveling to Jackson for music, the implementation of SmartPass, and the testing dates during the second semester.

Principal Stroud reported that elementary report cards were sent home on January 8th, parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for February 13th, 6th Grade Honor Band attendees are Audrey Burrell and Nora Krusemark; and the Jackson elementary Valentine roller skating party is on February 21st.

Activities Director Colfack reported on Winter activities, the Battle of the Bands on January 17th, the Ponca Youth Wrestling Tournament on January 19th, Conference wrestling on January 25th, Conference basketball starting February 1st, and the start of the Speech competition season on January 18th.

Board Communications and Committee Reports:

The facilities committee gave the ESCO selection results. Community Building Solutions was the company they selected for the HVAC updating.

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 Committee: Kramper, Schamp, Dohma

Facilities Committee: Kramper, Davis, Luebe

Policy Committee: Schamp, Davis, Luebe

Transportation Committee: Kramper, Davis, McGhee

Negotiations Committee: McGhee, Dohma, Luebe

Finance Committee: Dohma, Schamp, McGhee

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

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

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

Luebe moved to approve the selection of the Bank of Dixon County as the District's Depository Bank. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. 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 Kramper, second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

The open enrollment of a Ponca School 6th grader who moved to a residence in Newcastle was approved on a motion by McGhee, second by Schamp. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve with thanks for dedication and service to Ponca Schools the retirement of Sandy Jensen as elementary para effective at the end of the school year. Davis seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the amended 2024-2026 Superintendent's contract as proposed. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

The next regular board meeting will be held on February 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:52 p.m., there being no further business, McGhee moved to adjourn the meeting. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Dohma, Kramper, Luebe, McGhee and Schamp. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Dohma, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary