

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools
January 21, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, January 21, 2019 in the Ponca Public Schools Library at 505 West 3rd Street, Ponca, NE. 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 and the school house door, published in the Nebraska Journal Leader, and given to all members of the Board of Education.

President Book called the regular 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 call was taken. Members present were Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. Others present included Supt. Phillips, Principal Lahm, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Sec. Lorrie Huston and several visitors.

Burki moved to excuse absent member Dohma. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.

Newly re-elected board members and current board members signed the Board Member's Oath of Office.

Fethkenher made a motion to nominate Kenton Book as Board President. Burki seconded the motion. Gill moved for the nominations to cease. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma.

Fethkenher made a motion to nominate Monte Burki as Vice President. Gill seconded the motion. Kramper moved for the nominations to cease. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Principal Hayes joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Gill and a second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda, the minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting, financial reports consisting of the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$252,789.93; a depreciation fund balance of \$141,717.57; a bond fund balance of \$251,814.63; a special building fund balance of \$312,130.75; an employee benefit fund balance of \$1,491.06; an activity fund balance of \$222,100.84; and a hot lunch fund balance of \$13,560.86; and claims and accounts consisting of general fund disbursements of \$136,974.71, bond fund disbursements of \$666.50 and special building fund disbursements of \$515.82. Credit card payments and the January payroll report were also included.

Kramper moved to approve the sports complex maintenance payment of \$1367 to MB Mowing. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

A payment to NASB in the amount of \$60 was approved on a motion by Burki, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Administration Reports and Board Communications:

Supt. Phillips recognized members for school board recognition week and thanked them for their contributions to the district. He also reported on legislative issues, State Aid projections, the removal of the old art building, the Aquestt "great" district rating, obtaining bids for the west gym floor replacement,

and weather related school closure decisions. The roofs of the shop and portable buildings along with damaged siding on the portable building will be replaced due the August hail storm.

Principal Hayes reported on a smooth start to the 2nd semester in the elementary, preparations for State testing in April, Kindergarten Roundup on April 12th, the Valentine's Day roller skating party for Jackson elementary students, and his completion of 9 teacher evaluations.

Principal Lahm reported on the "I Love Public Schools" day on January 23rd, testing schedules and assessment dates, spelling bee dates, parent-teacher conferences, and dates for upcoming contests and activities. He recognized students receiving the Dakota County Star awards, the Snowball royalty, and the honor band participants. He also showed the school's education profile page on the Nebraska Department of Education website and thanked Mrs. Hayes and the teachers for their work on updating the course codes and descriptions for NDE.

Athletic Director Hayes congratulated the wrestling team for their 4th place win in the conference tournament. He also reported on conference basketball tournament dates and the NSAA district 3 meeting proceedings.

Discussion and Informational Items:

Supt. Phillips presented the 2017-18 Annual Report of the School District.

A draft of the 2019-2020 school year calendar was presented. The final draft of the calendar will be on the February board meeting agenda for approval.

Action Items:

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

Burki moved to approve KSB School Law as the school district's legal counsel. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Gill moved to elect board committees as presented. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C. Americanism, Curriculum and Technology Committee: Dohma, Burki, Kramper. Finance Committee: Dohma, Fethkenher, Book. Buildings and Ground Committee: Kramper, Book, Fethkenher. Policy Committee: Gill, Kramper, Fethkenher. Transportation Committee: Kramper, Gill, Burki. Negotiations Committee: Book, Dohma, Gill.

The Bank of Dixon County was approved as the depository bank of the district on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

The Nebraska Journal Leader was approved as the district newspaper of record on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Supt. Jody Phillips was designated as the official accounts custodian on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Supt. Jody Phillips was designated as the authorized district representative on a motion by Burki, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C. The official meeting day for the Ponca Public Schools Board of Education is designated as the third Monday of the month on a motion by Gill, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Gill moved to approve the designation of Krohn Car Care, Ponca Cooperative, Butch's Truck Repair, and Inland Truck as the district's mechanics. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve the option enrollment requests into the district of Elizabeth Reuter, kindergarten 2019-20, and Faith Wentzel, 10th grade 2018-19. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

The local substitute request of Ashley Uthof was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Gill moved to approve a bid from Detlefsen Construction LLC in the amount of \$5000 for the removal of the basement concrete, dirt fill, and rock cover at the site of the old art building. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Fethkenher moved to approve the superintendent's expenses for the Legislative Issues Conference and the School Budget & Finance Workshop. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

The Superintendent's evaluation was reviewed. Supt. Phillips received favorable remarks and the Board thanked him for his work in the district.

Burki moved to enter into executive session at 8:14 pm for strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C. The executive session was declared over at 8:33 p.m.

Kramper moved to approve the renewal of the Superintendent contract with changes as presented. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C. The Superintendent's salary will be voted on at the March 2019 meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be held February 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ponca Public Schools library.

At 8:35 p.m., Kramper moved to adjourn the meeting. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Dohma. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary