

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Hearings and Regular Meeting
July 18, 2022**

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The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a student fee hearing, a parental involvement hearing, and a regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3rd Street, Ponca, Nebraska. All were 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. 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 opened the student fee hearing at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed public comment. Members present were Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Absent: Shawn Fethkenher. There were no public comments. The hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

President Book opened the parental involvement hearing at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed public comment. Members present were Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Absent: Shawn Fethkenher. There were no public comments. The hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

President Book called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 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 Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Absent: Shawn Fethkenher. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 3 visitors. Principal Hayes was on vacation.

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

Chuck Wahls addressed the board during public comment.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the June 20, 2022 regular meeting; the minutes of the June 20, 2022 meeting of the American Civics, Curriculum and Technology committee; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$3,446,497.44, a depreciation fund balance of \$219,336.51, a bond fund balance of \$653,575.16, a special building fund balance of \$225,253.85, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,284.57, an activity fund balance of \$235,109.06, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$126,633.46; general fund disbursements of \$68,047.84; credit card payments; and the July payroll report.

Superintendent Calahan, and Principal Stansberry gave the administration reports.

The 2022 Census report was presented with comparisons to 2021 and 2020.

The Safe Return to School Plan was reviewed. The public was given the opportunity to comment on the plan. No comments were given by the public. Superintendent Calahan stated that the public also has an ongoing opportunity to provide comments on the district website link to the plan.

The following policies were reviewed: 5008 – Student Attendance, 5415-Anti-Bullying, 6370-Multicultural Education, and 6410 -Title I Family Engagement.

Dohma moved to approve payment of \$13500 to Wahls Excavating and Grading. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Lunch prices for the 2022-23 school year were approved as presented on a motion by Gill, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C. The new prices for student lunches are as follows: PK-2 \$2.85, 3-6 \$3.10, and 7-12 \$3.35. Seconds, ice cream and milk prices were increased by 5 cents.

Dohma moved to approve substitute teacher pay for the 2022-23 school year at \$125 per day and \$70 for a half day. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve payment from the Depreciation Fund to McGraw Hill in the amount of \$36,404.43 and rename the Depreciation Fund’s “Instructional Equipment” account to “Curriculum”. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Payment to MB Mowing in the amount of \$3,793.00 was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

BJ Hansen was approved as an assistant boys’ basketball coach and Joey Stansberry was approved as an assistant football coach and bus driver on a motion by Kramper, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Burki moved to approve the option enrollment requests into the district of one junior, one 8th grader, one 7th grader, and two 5th graders as presented. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the 2022-23 Employee Handbook and Student Handbook as presented. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Payment of annual NRCSA dues in the amount of \$850 was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Kramper. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

The next regular meeting will be held August 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:03 p.m., there being no further business, Gill moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

Kenton Book, President