

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Hearings and Regular Meeting  
July 20, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held Student Fees Policy, Parental Involvement Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy hearings and a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Ponca Public Schools art room. All were convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted 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 hearings and meeting were open to the attendance of the public.

President Rickett opened the hearings at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed public comments. The hearing closed at 7:33 p.m. Rickett called the regular meeting to order at 7:33 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 Doug Rickett, Kenton Book, Phil Kramper, John Gill, Monte Burki, and Richard Dohma. Absent: None. Others present were Supt. Joan Reznicek, Prin. Bob Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and several visitors.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dohma and second by Burki. M.C. 6-0.

Teachers Stacey Carnell and Paula Larsen thanked the Board for their time and for listening to the staff's opinions on the purchase of 1:1 computer devices. On behalf of the village of Jackson, Gary Smith asked and received permission from the Board to use the Jackson elementary school for the annual picnic on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes from the June 15, 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 Dohma and a second by Burki. M.C. 6-0. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$808,065.89; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$105,225.16; a Bond Fund balance of \$987,536.02; a Special Building Fund balance of \$353,050.94; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,482.56; an Activity Fund balance of \$145,262.49; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$1,548.34.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Gill and a second by Kramper. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett, Gill. Voting Aye but abstaining on check #23728: Burki. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$67,542.22, and Special Building Fund disbursements totaled \$194,433.39.

Book moved to approve the option enrollment of Brandon Kneifl into the District. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

**Administration Reports:**

Supt. Reznicek informed the Board of the following items: The annual Community Club picnic for the school employees and families will be held August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Ponca State Park; Administrator Days will be held in Kearney on July 29-31; a TEEOSA workshop will be held on July 27-28; the Board workshop will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; the date of the September Board meeting will be changed to September 13th; and a possible donation for scoreboards in the West Gym is being negotiated.

Princ. Hayes reported on the Google summit conference that he attended; the change in parking at the Jackson school; the class lists being distributed in the August newsletter; the start of fall sports practices in August; and the status of the west gym basketball bankboards/hardware.

**Board Communications and Committee Reports:**

Supt. Reznicek distributed a copy of the bid from FEH to replace doors in the west gymnasium.

Richard Dohma spoke briefly acknowledging the passing on July 12th of former Superintendent Bill Thompson who served the Ponca school district from 2005-2011.

**New Business:**

Gill moved to approve the local substitute certificate for Julie Kneifl. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

LaRita Stewart was approved as the second assistant coach for volleyball on a motion by Kramper, second by Dohma. M.C. 6-0. The discussion included suggesting tryouts be held for sports teams with large numbers of students participating.

Gill moved to approve policy #1120 (Tobacco Policy) and forego the second reading. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper moved to approve policy #1200 (Anti-Harassment Policy) on one reading. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper moved to approve policy #3540 (Bidding Construction Projects) on one reading. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Book moved to approve policy #3560 (Records Management) on one reading. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Gill moved to approve policy #4002 (Equal Opportunity Employment) on one reading. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Burki moved to approve policy #4003 (Employee Anti-discrimination) on one reading. Kramper seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Book moved to approve policy #5008 (Attendance) on one reading. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper moved to approve policy #5101 (Student Discipline) on one reading. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper moved to approve policy #5401 (Equal Opportunity) on one reading. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper moved to approve policy #5418 (Homeless Students) on one reading. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Book moved to approve policy #6115 (Fire Drills, Emergency Plans) on one reading. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Burki moved to approve policy #6283 (Concussions) on one reading. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper moved to approve policy #6285 (Student Participation in Athletic Contests Between Schools) on one reading. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Kramper moved to approve policy #6286 (Return to Learn from Cancer) on one reading. Burki seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Burki moved to approve policy #6600 (Special Education) on one reading. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Gill moved to approve policy #9340 (Minutes) on one reading. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

Gill moved to approve the 2015-16 Student Handbook. Book seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0. The handbook will be on the school website and will only be distributed in hard copy by request.

Book moved to approve the 2015-16 Employee Handbook. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C. 6-0.

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Discussion was held on the custodial position agenda item but no action was taken.

No action was taken on the agenda item concerning computers. The Board requested the formation of a committee which includes staff, administration and community members to study the project and present a business plan. Paula Larsen suggested buying computers for the teachers first. The finance committee will meet and discuss the budget.

The next regular meeting will be held August 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

The finance committee met immediately after the Board meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary