

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
July 17, 2017**

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 17, 2017 in the Ponca Public Schools room 126. 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 meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Members present were Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill, and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Jody Phillips, Principal Bob Hayes, Principal Derek Lahm, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 7 visitors.

President Kenton Book opened the student fee hearing at 7:30 p.m and welcomed public comment. The hearing closed at 7:34 p.m. President Book opened the parental involvement hearing at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed public comment. The hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

President Book called the regular 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. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C. 6-0.

Gary Smith invited the Board to the Jackson community picnic on August 12th.

Burki moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C. 6-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$1,170,368.98; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$299,878.23; a Bond Fund balance of \$734,465.35; a Special Building Fund balance of \$462,235.64; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,485.55; an Activity Fund balance of \$127,368.76; and a School Nutrition Fund balance of \$1,473.90.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Kramper and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Voting Aye but abstaining from check number 25255: Burki. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$159,640.01. Special Building Fund disbursements totaled \$70,629.00 and Depreciation Fund-Technology disbursements totaled \$117,374.70. Credit card charges and monthly payroll expenses were reviewed and approved.

Kramper moved to approve the open enrollment into the district of Kindergartner Levi Schroeder. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C. 6-0.

Supt. Phillips updated the Board on his first 10 days in the district including interviews for a technologist, attending a finance workshop, reaching out to constituents and area governmental agencies, and arranging for repairs on the showers in the west gym locker rooms. He also informed the Board of the NASB area membership meeting in Norfolk on Sept. 20th.

Principal Hayes reported on the newly completed playground and soon to be finished carpeting at the Jackson elementary school. Training will be held for the elementary teachers on August 9th for the Journeys reading series.

Principal Lahm has met with guidance counselor Fran Hassler, Supt. Phillips and Principal Hayes. He also commented on the great meet and greet event hosted by the Ponca Community Educational Foundation. Athletic Director Hayes informed the Board of concussion baseline testing that will be done by CNOS for all student athletes. He also added that practice for all the fall sports will begin on August 7th this year.

Kristie Hayes gave a technology report. She commended Aaron Voss and the Terrafox company on their installation of the security system and cameras. There will be a presentation of the system's capabilities at the August Board meeting. Also, Mrs. Hayes confirmed the e-Rate grant for the 2017-18 school year on internet costs only. Telephone costs no longer qualify.

Richard Dohma noted the recently placed highway signs for the school in Ponca.

The 2017-18 employee handbook was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. M.C.U.

The 2017-18 student handbook was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Supt. Phillips presented the 2017 Census report.

Burki moved to approve the Superintendent's expenses to attend the NASB open meetings law workshop in Blair on July 19, 2017. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

Policy 5008 Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. M.C.U.

The following policies were reviewed: Policy 5415-Anti-Bullying Policy, Policy 6370-Multicultural Education, and Policy 6410-Title I Parental Involvement.

Supt. Phillips updated the Board on the Spanish teacher opening and options that are being researched.

After discussion, it was decided to use a consent agenda for the Board meetings on a six month trial period.

At 8:59 p.m., Dohma made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of amending/extending the business manager's contract. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U. At 9:03 p.m. the executive session was declared over.

The amendment/extension of the business manager's contract as discussed in executive session was approved on a motion by Dohma and second by Burki. M.C.U.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary