

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Hearings and Regular Meeting  
July 15, 2019**

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 15, 2019 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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, Kristie Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 3 visitors.

President Book opened the student fee hearing at 7:30 p.m and welcomed public comment. Roll call was taken and all board members were present. There was no public comment heard. The hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

President Book opened the parental involvement hearing at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed public comment. Roll call was taken and all board members were present. There was no public comment heard. The hearing closed at 7:37 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.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,331,627.19, a depreciation fund balance of \$142,107.66, a bond fund balance of \$511,363.07, a special building fund balance of \$313,706.23, an employee benefit fund balance of \$1,494.60, an activity fund balance of \$212,586.05, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$8,173.12; general fund disbursements of \$110,095.49; credit card payments; and the July payroll report.

A payment to MB Mowing in the amount of \$2100 for sports complex maintenance was approved on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

Supt. Phillips reported on the summer maintenance projects, the relocation of Administrator Days due to flooding in Kearney, bond refinancing, new employees, August fund transfers, vehicle replacements, and the beginning of the new school year.

Principal Hayes gave an update of the Jackson elementary summer cleaning and classroom location changes for the upcoming year. He also reported on the impact testing for student athlete concussions and on the participation for summer conditioning.

Principal Lahm reported on plans for the start of the school year, programs and schedule changes, assessment testing changes, and student enrollment for independent college courses.

Richard Dohma, Fran Hassler and Supt. Phillips gave their annual Ponca Community Educational Foundation report to the Board.

Supt. Phillips gave the 2019 district census report.

The first reading of the updated Graduation policy #5205 was done.

Policies #5415 –Anti-Bullying, #6370-Multicultural Education, #6410-Title I Parental Involvement, and #5008-Student Attendance were reviewed.

Kramper moved to approve the open enrollment of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student and a kindergarten student out of the district to South Sioux City, and the open enrollment into the district of a kindergarten student from Hartington-Newcastle. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the 2019 annual policy updates (final reading) for policies #1120-Tobacco, #3130-Purchasing, #3131 –Procurement Plan-School Food Authorities, #4030-Wage Information, #5001-Admission Requirements, #5012 Military Recruiters, #5101-Student Discipline, #5103-Extracurricular Activity, #5104-Drug and Substance Use and Prevention, #5305-School Dances, #5416-Student Fees, #5416-Student Fees –Appendix, #6211-Curriculum-Assessments, #6410-Combined District and School Title I Parent and Family Engagement, #8151-Standing Committees, and #8153-Standing Committee on American Civics. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

The 2019-20 Employee Handbook was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

The 2019-20 Student Handbook with new staff names to be added later was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve Tamara Schram as a .3 FTE elementary music teacher. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Kamber Hogan was approved as a special education para educator for the Jackson elementary school on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the transfer of funds from the District's Flex 125 account to the employee benefit fund and to close the account. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

The 2019-20 Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) membership dues were approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

At 9:06 p.m., Dohma moved to enter into executive session. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U. The purpose of the executive session is for a strategy session with respect to property/real estate matters 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. At 9:23 p.m. the session was declared over on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to allow Supt. Phillips to enter into discussions for the purpose of purchasing property for the district under the parameters set during the executive session. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

At 9:26 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U..

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary