

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
June 15, 2020**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2020 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ponca, Nebraska. The meeting was convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted at the post office, bank, courthouse and the school house door, published in the Nebraska Journal Leader and given to all members of the Board of Education. A link to the meeting was published on the school website. 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. The open session of the meeting was available to the public via videoconference and open to attendance of 25 people or less due to the CDC's limitation of public gatherings.

President Book called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 the following members were present: Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Others present during the meeting were Supt. Jody Phillips, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Duane Krusemark and Sec. Lorrie Huston.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and 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 May 15, 2020 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,914,430.01 a depreciation fund balance of \$188,912.73, a bond fund balance of \$563,024.41, a special building fund balance of \$281,957.75, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,089.40, an activity fund balance of \$239,490.56, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$6,341.70; general fund disbursements of \$96,664.74; a special building fund disbursement of \$765.00; monthly credit card payments and the June payroll report.

Gill moved to approve the payment to MB Mowing of \$3034.40 for the monthly sports complex maintenance. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

Supt. Phillips, Principal Hayes, and Principal Lahm gave the administration reports. Special recognition was given to Bob Hayes on completing his 40<sup>th</sup> year at Ponca and for being selected to coach in the Nebraska Coaches Association all-star game. Students receiving recognition for being selected to play in all-star games were Kaci Day and Brandon Kneifl. Unfortunately, the games have been cancelled due to the covid 19 virus.

Dohma reported on the decrease in the worker's comp rate from Alicap.

Band instructor, Jessica Steckly, demonstrated the instrumental music lesson of the students playing a virtual "Pomp and Circumstance" which she used as an assignment during the school closure.

Supt. Phillips informed the Board on the latest discussions concerning the opening of the 2020-21 school year.

Ideas for possible uses of the CARES Act grant were presented by Supt. Phillips. This will be an action item on the July Board meeting.

The first reading of the following policies was done: #1040-Annual Report, #5101 – Student Discipline Policy, #5103-Extracurricular Activity Discipline, #5406-Search and Seizures, #5506-Safe Pupil Transportation Plan, #6111-Classroom Environment, #6117-Ceremonies and Observances and Pledge, and #6283A-Return to Learn Protocol. All will be moved forward for approval except #6111-Classroom Environment.

There were no Option Enrollment Requests.

Kramper moved to approve the hiring of Kimber Hohenstein as an Assistant Volleyball Coach. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve increasing Ashley Uthof's work days to 4 days per week for the position of the Jackson elementary secretary. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kristin Scjobom was hired as a bus driver on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Kristin will be allowed to take her child as a passenger with her on the shuttle route as needed. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Substitute teacher pay was increased to \$115 for a full day and \$65 for a half day on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to leave the lunch prices the same for the 2020-21 school year. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

A break was taken to acknowledge Supt. Phillips' contributions to the Ponca School and to wish him well in his new job as superintendent of Aurora Schools. The Ponca Education Association provided refreshments.

At 9:12 p.m., Burki made a motion to enter into executive session. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 9:51 p.m. the session was declared over and Kramper moved to resume open session, seconded by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the increase to the business manager's salary as discussed in executive session. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

At 9:55 p.m., there being no further business, Gill moved to adjourn the meeting. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

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Kenton Book, Board President