

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
June 19, 2023 7:00 PM**

Posting Date: June 8, 2023

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023 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 Bank of Dixon County, the Dixon County Courthouse, the post office, the school main entrance, 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 Fethkenher called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 was taken. Members present were Monte Burki, Shawn Fethkenher, Phil Kramper, and Christina Luebe. Absent members: Casey McGhee and Richard Dohma. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and no visitors.

Kramper moved to approve absent members McGhee and Dohma. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Fethkenher, Kramper and Luebe. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Luebe moved to approve the consent agenda and Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$3,723,975.83, a depreciation fund balance of \$169,141.78, a bond fund balance of \$646,764.45, a special building fund balance of \$167,428.78, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,977.90, an activity fund balance of \$288,561.46, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$147,324.26; general fund disbursements of \$84,803.35; depreciation fund disbursements of \$15,002.12; credit card payments; and the June payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan – Summer maintenance projects, Fine Arts equipment update, sports complex building construction schedule, flood mitigation project, KSB policy approval process, planning for 4-school professional development day, and the Northeast Ag Compact.

Principal Stansberry's report given by Supt. Calahan - Book study, guiding coalition, graduation credit requirements, and back to school open house changes.

Principal Hayes – Completion of summer school, 2023-24 elementary schedules, continuing another year of Saxon math, and installing a washer/dryer at the Jackson campus.

Athletic Director Hayes – Summer activities and camps, home-schooled athletes credit requirements, 2023-24 girls' wrestling, and fall practices beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The printed reports are on file.

There were no Board communications or committee reports.

Superintendent Calahan gave a summary of new legislation affecting education for the upcoming school years.

Action Items:

The following classified staff resignations were approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Karen Anderson – Ponca kitchen, Janet Hoffman – Jackson custodian, and Kimber Hohenstein – assistant volleyball coach. Voting Yea: Burki, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

Luebe moved to hire Alyssa Crosgrove and Andrea Stewart as assistant volleyball coaches for the 2023 season. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

At 8:22 p.m., Burki moved to enter into executive session for discussion of the legal consequences of specific action and legal advice 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. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

At 8:43 p.m., the executive session was declared over and Burki moved to resume the meeting in open session. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

The next regular board meeting will be held on July 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:44 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

Respectively submitted:

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

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Shawn Fethkenher, Board President