

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
March 20, 2023 7:00 PM**

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The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 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, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, Phil Kramper, Christina Luebe, and Casey McGhee. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and 3 visitors.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the February 20, 2023 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,930,108.61, a depreciation fund balance of \$264,028.97, a bond fund balance of \$540,254.75, a special building fund balance of \$191,155.64, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,301.81, an activity fund balance of \$296,416.77, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$140,585.43; general fund disbursements of \$73,652.64; credit card payments; and the March payroll report.

Superintendent Calahan, Principal Stansberry, and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports. The printed reports are on file. There were no board communications or committee reports.

Luebe moved to accept the resignations of Ms. Amber Van Regenmorter and Mr. Mike Brandt with regrets and thanks for their service to the district. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. Mr. Brandt spoke to the board and expressed his thanks for their support during his 34 years of teaching in Ponca.

Kramper moved to approve the option enrollment requests into the district of 3 kindergarten students from South Sioux City, Hartington-Newcastle, and Homer districts, as well as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader from South Sioux City. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Pre-school tuition was set to remain at \$12 per day on a motion by Burki, second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to authorize Superintendent Calahan to accept the lowest revised bid not to exceed \$43,000 from the two submitted bidders for a storage shed at the Sports Complex. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

At 7:53 pm, Burki moved to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to classified pay negotiations. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

At 9:04 pm the session was declared over and Burki moved to resume open session. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Pay increases for classified staff for the 2023-24 school year as discussed in executive session were approved on a motion by Kramper and second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

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

At 9:15 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Respectively submitted:

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Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary