

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
March 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the fine arts auditorium of the Ponca Public Schools, 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ponca, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance 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 Kenton Book 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. The following Board members were present: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. Also present were Supt. Phillips, Princ. Lahm, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston and 9 visitors.

Burki moved to approve the absence of member Fethkenher. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, and Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Burki moved to change the agenda to include the hiring of a custodian, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the revised agenda, the minutes of the February 19, 2018 meeting, financials consisting of the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$705,807.01; a depreciation fund balance of \$107,629.56; a bond fund balance of \$500,307.13; a special building fund balance of \$400,773.11; an employee fund balance of \$1486.87; an activity fund balance of \$206,119.45; a school nutrition fund balance of \$12,348.89; and claims and accounts disbursements of \$57,261.82. Credit card payments and the payroll report were also approved.

Gill moved to approve a Sparq Data 2018-19 contract payment of \$3100.00 for the annual renewals of North Star Negotiations software and the Sparq Meeting subscription. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Gill, Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Dohma. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Supt. Phillips reported on FY 2018-19 State Aid Certification, memorials, meetings with county assessors on preliminary valuations, lights for the softball field, net option enrollment funding, a committee meeting with Allen school, job description templates, plans for PLC and SIP committees, the bond fund certificate of deposit renewal, and legislative updates. He also spotlighted the boys' basketball team. The April 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting time may need to be adjusted to enable the Board to attend a City Council meeting that night.

Principal Hayes updated the Board on the Spring testing schedules, elementary field trips, pre-school open house, kindergarten round-up, and the Scholastic book fair.

Principal Lahm reported on testing schedules, testing motivational plans, prom, the senior trip, class C All-State Band, the National Honor Society induction ceremony, the fine arts pep rally, and students selected for the HOBY leadership conference. He also congratulated the students and sponsors/coaches on their accomplishments in music, art, speech, and boys' basketball.

Athletic Director Hayes talked about the Spring sports, the possibility of bowling as an NSAA activity and he also recognized the boys' basketball team for winning the Class C2 State tournament.

Kristie Hayes gave the monthly technology report.

Kramper moved to approve the option enrollment into the district of Ayden Curry, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Zac Heald, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Brielle Hogan, kindergarten, Aden Anderson, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Tynnlie Schram, kindergarten, Benjamin Coughlin, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade,

and Gracie Coughlin, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Policy 8231 (Coffee Act Policy) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Policy 5422 (Pregnant and Parenting Students) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Superintendent Phillips reported that he has completed 171 days of contract duty for the 2017-18 school year.

Kramper moved to approve May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as the last day of the 2017-18 school year. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Burki moved to keep the pre-school tuition at \$12 per day for the 2018-19 school year. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

The recommended academic calendar for the 2018-19 school year was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C. The first day of school will be August 16, 2018 and the last day will be May 21, 2019.

The hiring of Sandy Finseth as a special education paraprofessional and Trevin Wimmer as a custodian was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

The following resignations were approved on a motion by Gill and second by Kramper: Christy Schweers as FCS teacher, Misty Bausch as Spanish teacher, and Paula Larsen as Junior Class Sponsor. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve the list as presented for election of 2018-19 teacher contracts. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

At 8:04 p.m., Burki moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of the protection of the reputation of individuals. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C. The session was declared over at 9:32 p.m.

Dohma moved to approve the 2018-19 salary increase and contract renewal of the high school principal, Derek Lahm, as discussed in executive session. Second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the 2018-19 salary increase and contract renewal of the elementary school principal, Bob Hayes, as discussed in executive session. Second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Burki moved to approve the 2018-19 benefit increase and contract renewal of the Superintendent, Jody Phillips, as discussed in executive session. Second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher.

The next meeting date will be April 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Fethkenher. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary