

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 16, 2020**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3rd 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 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.

Vice President Burki 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 call was taken and the following members were present: Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Absent: Kenton Book. Others present were Supt. Jody Phillips, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Sec. Lorrie Huston and eight visitors.

Dohma moved to excuse absent member Book. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the February 17, 2020 and March 4, 2020 meetings; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,048,553.85, a depreciation fund balance of \$188,654.04, a bond fund balance of \$407,669.18, a special building fund balance of \$281,512.77, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,083.55, an activity fund balance of \$259,314.42, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$9,007.96; general fund disbursements of \$58,234.36; credit card payments; and the March payroll report.

Supt. Phillips, Principal Hayes, and Principal Lahm gave the administration reports. Discussion and informational items included the monthly student enrollment report, the superintendent's 3rd quarter absence report, and a coronavirus planning update.

The option enrollment request into the District for the 2020-21 school year of five kindergarten students and one sophomore student passed on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

The local substitute request of Jared Curry passed with a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Kramper moved to adopt Policy #1600-Emergency Closing and to wave the second reading. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Gill moved to adopt Policy #1601-Emergency Exclusions and to wave the second reading. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

With a motion by Dohma, and a second by Fethkenher, the board tentatively adopted the last day of school for the students will be May 22, 2020 and for the teachers will be May 27, 2020. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve 2020-21 pre-school tuition at the current rate of \$12 per day. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Gill moved to table the sports complex maintenance bid until next month and to request a re-bid with a list of specific requirements. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. Absent: Book. M.C.

At 8:12 p.m., with a motion by Kramper and a second by Fethkenher, the Board entered into executive session for a strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining 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. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

At 8:45 p.m., the session was declared over with a motion by Gill, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the elementary principal's 2020-21 contract and salary as agreed upon in executive session. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

At 8:47 p.m., with a motion by Gill and a second by Fethkenher, the Board entered into executive session for a strategy session with respect to negotiations/collective bargaining 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. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

At 9:16 p.m., the session was declared over with a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve the secondary principal's 2020-21 contract and salary as agreed upon in executive session. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

At 9:20 p.m., there being no further business, Fethkenher moved to adjourn the meeting. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Book. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary