

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 16, 2022 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, May 16, 2022 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, 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 Book called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill, and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Derek Lahm, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston and several visitors. Principal Hayes was attending the kindergarten graduation and joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Grace Hansen requested the opportunity to speak before the Board.

There were no open enrollment requests.

Fethkenher moved to approve the consent agenda and Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the April 18, 2022 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,649,781.53, a depreciation fund balance of \$219,198.39, a bond fund balance of \$608,063.49 a special building fund balance of \$252,594.09, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,282.08, an activity fund balance of \$247,136.61, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$116,528.92; general fund disbursements of \$67,774.05; a bond fund disbursement of \$102,425.00; credit card payments; and the May payroll report.

Superintendent Calahan, Principal Lahm and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports. The printed reports are on file. Principal Lahm presented the latest assessment data for MAP Growth Scores and the NSCAS Growth Results. There were no board communications or committee reports.

Discussion Items

Policy Updates – 1st Reading of the following policy updates was done: 1220—Title IX Grievance Policy, 3132—Internal Controls, 3540—Bidding Construction Projects, 4009—Drug Use, 4133--Substitute Teachers, 6600—Sped Policy, 8343—Agenda Construction and Control, 8346—Public Participation at Board Meeting, and 9340—Minutes

Action Items

After discussion and consideration on adding a Girls' Golf program, there was no motion made and no action taken.

Kramper moved to approve the hiring of Katie Pick as an ESSER Cadre teacher. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the hiring of Amanda Benson as a paraprofessional. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The updating of the K-1Saxon Phonics and Spelling curriculum was approved on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The cost of the proposed update is \$7,344.94.

Dohma moved to approve the payment to MB Mowing in the amount of \$3034.40. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

The board discussed and considered bids for burial of the downspouts on the south side of the high school building. Dohma moved to approve the lowest bid meeting all aspects of the project. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. Supt. Calahan will contact the bidders for changes or clarifications needed.

Burki made a motion to approve the southeast parking/drop-off portion of the Jackson parking lot paving bid from Gill Construction. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Gill. M.C.

At 8:29 pm, Gill made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The session was declared over at 9:06 pm and Kramper moved to resume open session with a second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

The next regular board meeting will be held on June 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:07 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

Kenton Book, Board President