

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
May 20, 2024**

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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 20, 2024 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, and Casey McGhee. Absent: Christina Luebe. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and approximately 17 visitors.

The absence of member Christina Luebe was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. M.C.

Speakers requesting an audience with the board were Doug Rickett and Ranessa Chase.

McGhee made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the April 15, 2024 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,909,282.86, a depreciation fund balance of \$402,096.23, a bond fund balance of \$610,053.38, a special building fund balance of \$56,907.53, an employee benefit fund balance of \$5,928.81, an activity fund balance of \$288,364.19, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$145,437.80; general fund disbursements of \$167,937.69; the bond interest and fee payment of \$92,825.00; credit card payments; and the May payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan –Reported on classified staff openings for 2024-25 of 1 kitchen, 3 para, and both head and assistant softball coaching positions, Gill Construction scheduled to start the flood mitigation project soon, updating vans to meet Federal compliance requirements for transporting students, the local beef project updates, the possible sale of the portable building, the purchase of the ATV from Storm Lake Honda, and the approval of the ESSER III application to purchase a floor scrubber.

Principal Stansberry –Reported on professional development meetings for end of year and summertime, expected disclosure of NSCAS testing results, graduation day, teacher appreciation week, and semester testing.

Principal Hayes -Reported on the Pender Elementary Honor Band, the President's Academic Achievement Awards, the trip to the movie theater for reaching AR goals, the elementary track and field day, MAP testing, elementary report cards available after May 24<sup>th</sup>, EPI on-line supply orders, Pre-K and Kindergarten graduations, and summer school dates. His Athletic Director report included recognizing State Track qualifiers, State Golf Qualifiers, boys' and girls' conference track champions and district runner-up, conference and district golf champions, athletic schedules for next year, summer camps, and the openings for head and assistant softball coaches.

Board Communications and Committee Reports

The facilities committee met to walk the property and evaluate safety of foot traffic and drop-off locations around the school.

Discussion Items:

Traffic Control around the Ponca School was discussed. Superintendent Calahan presented the suggestions for making the area around the perimeter of the campus safer for students crossing streets and being dropped off. These suggestions will be made to the City Council at their meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Action Items:

The milk bid for 2024-25 from Kemp's was accepted as presented on a motion by Dohma, second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the option enrollment request into the district of a Kindergarten student from the South Sioux City school district. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.

Dohma moved to accept the bid from Bevelhymer Construction for the approach pad and sidewalk at the sports complex and the bid from Gill Construction for the school parking stalls on Court Street. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C. Gill Construction will also be asked to submit an estimate for making the corner access ADA compliant.

Kramper moved to approve the bid from HD Supply for a Ride-On Floor Scrubber. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C. ESSER III funds in the amount of \$17,822 will be used towards this purchase.

The next regular board meeting will be held on June 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Americanism Committee hearing at 6:45 p.m. that evening.

At 7:59 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.

Respectively submitted:

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Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary