

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
May 15, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in room 126 of 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 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.

The following Board members were present: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: none. Also present were Supt. Reznicek, Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston, and several visitors.

President Book called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 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 agenda was approved on a motion by Gill and a second by Burki. M.C.U.

Request of Speakers: Aaron Bessmer addressed the semester test policy and the requirements for exemption from taking the tests.

Minutes from the April 17, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion by Burki and a second by Gill. M.C.U.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Kramper and a second by Fethkenher. M.C.U. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$379,366.93; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$299,783.27; a Bond Fund balance of \$765,975.96; a Special Building Fund balance of \$364,005.93; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,485.30; an Activity Fund balance of \$149,638.41; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$17,561.65.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Voting Aye but abstaining from check number 25112: Burki. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$93,696.32, Bond Fund Disbursements totaled \$118,451.88, and Building Fund disbursements totaled \$77,970.73. Credit card charges and monthly payroll expenses were reviewed and approved.

Principals Rinas and Hayes reviewed the MAP testing scores for the year in math, science, reading and language usage. The scores keep improving and the students did well overall. Ms. Rinas added that Nebraska may be replacing the NeSA test with the MAP test in 2018 and it would greatly reduce the amount of testing the students are required to take. There will be a send-off rally on May 18 for the track athletes and golf team that qualified for State competition. Ms. Rinas is retiring on or about June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board thanked her for her years of service to the District.

Mr. Hayes reviewed the pre-school graduation, kindergarten graduation and 3-6 concert dates. He also congratulated the Golf team and the track athletes that are going to State.

Supt. Reznicek gave the Board health and dental insurance information for the 2017-18 school year. She also updated the Board on LB651, LB409, and LB 415 and showed them a resolution for their review on Nebraskan's United for Property Tax. A discussion on the future of education funding followed.

Dohma moved to approve the resignation of Jennifer Schindler as 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Fethkenher seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The resignation of technologist Jeff Reed was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the following expenses for Jody Phillips: New School Administrator Legal Boot Camp on June 5 & 6; New Member Orientation by NASB on July 19; New Superintendent Orientation by NDE on July 20; and Administrator Days by NCSA/NDE on July 26-28. Burki seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The 2017-18 contract for Rebecca Irwin as Media Specialist was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Gill. M.C.U.

The 2017-18 contract for Kory Pfister as 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the costs for replacement carpet in all rooms at the Jackson Elementary School this summer by Curry Floor & Acoustics Co. in the amount of \$34,515.00. Gill seconded the motion. M.C.U.

The Board asked Supt. Reznicek to obtain bids for replacement of the east elementary doors to enable security for the fob installation.

Kramper moved to increase the non-certified health and dental insurance 2017-18 district contribution amount for the “employee only” category to \$512.92 and to increase the contributions of all other categories by 3%. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C.U.

At 9:16 p.m., Kramper made a motion to enter into executive session, second by Burki. M.C.U.  
At 9:51 p.m. the executive session was declared over.

The contract and salary as discussed in executive session for Lorrie Huston as Business Manager was approved on a motion by Kramper and second by Burki. M.C.U.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Ponca.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary