

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2020**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 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 post office and the school house door, published in the Nebraska Journal Leader, and given to all members of the Board of Education. A link to the meeting was published on the school website.

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 open session of the meeting was available to the public via videoconference due to the CDC's limitation of public gatherings to 10 people or less.

President Book called the 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. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Others present during the meeting were Supt. Jody Phillips, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Duane Krusemark and Sec. Lorrie Huston.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$948,672.79 a depreciation fund balance of \$188,912.73, a bond fund balance of \$468,616.06, a special building fund balance of \$281,933.41, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,087.71, an activity fund balance of \$236,937.45, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$4,172.93; general fund disbursements of \$44,195.35; the interest payment of \$64,184.34 to BOK financial for the bond; and the May payroll report. There was no credit card activity this month.

Kramper moved to approve the payment to MB Mowing of \$3034.40 for the monthly sports complex maintenance. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

Payment to NASB of \$1000 for the superintendent search was approved on a motion by Fethkenher, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Dohma. M.C.

Supt. Phillips, Principal Hayes, and Principal Lahm gave the administration reports. They all thanked the students, parents and staff for their efforts during the school closure. Mr. Hayes recognized 6<sup>th</sup> grader Kora Jackson for receiving the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.

The monthly student enrollment report was presented. There were no option enrollment requests.

Supt. Phillips spoke on the schedule for the end of the 2019-20 school year with the last day being May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also said that planning for the 2020-21 year would be taking place in June and July.

Board members were given a letter from the class of 2020 and one from the parents of the class of 2020. Upon the administration's timeline recommendation, Kramper move to approve a July 25<sup>th</sup> graduation

ceremony pending restrictions in place at that time and to prepare a virtual graduation as backup. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve the 2020-21 contract for .3 FTE Elementary Music Teacher Hope Knedler. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of Andrea Stewart as Junior Class Sponsor was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The 2020-21 ESUCC Food Service Agreement was approved on a motion by Gill, second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The Milk Bid from Dean Foods for the 2020-21 school year was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The amendment to the District's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan with Secure Benefits was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the Student Accident Insurance Plan for the 2020-21 school year. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 8:19 p.m., Burki made a motion to enter into executive session. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 8:41 p.m. the session was declared over and Dohma moved to resume open session, seconded by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the 2% increase to classified staff salaries and the increase of the District's EHA insurance contribution as discussed in executive session. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:43 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

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Kenton Book, Board President