

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting**

November 16, 2015 7:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jackson Elementary commons, Jackson, 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 of this meeting 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.

Vice-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. The following Board members were present: Book, Kramper, Dohma, Burki, and Gill. Absent: Rickett. Also present were Supt. Reznicek, Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston and 10 visitors.

Kramper moved to approve the absence of President Doug Rickett due to a work related conflict. Dohma seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Gill and second by Dohma. M.C. 5-0.

Minutes from the October 19, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Kramper and a second by Dohma. M.C. 5-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Dohma and a second by Kramper. M.C. 5-0. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$639,570.99; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$105,256.99; a Bond Fund balance of \$1,124,497.75; a Special Building Fund balance of \$41,734.94; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,483.06; an Activity Fund balance of \$151,923.01; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$24,008.34.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Gill and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Dohma, Kramper, Book, Gill. Voting Aye but abstaining on check #23993: Burki. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$120,313.93, and a Bond Fund disbursement was made in the amount of \$414,351.88 for the principal and interest due on the high school bond.

There were no option enrollment requests.

Administration Reports:

Principal Rinas and Principal Hayes presented the recent MAP testing and NeSA testing results which showed favorable improvements in most areas. Principal Rinas recognized several students and their teachers/sponsors for recent achievements: varsity and junior varsity quiz bowl competitors, 14 medalists at the Conference music clinic, and the All-State chorus qualifiers and alternates. She also recognized and thanked everyone that helped with the fantastic Veterans' Day program on Nov. 11th. Upcoming events include the Christmas concerts and Conference and District One-Act contests.

Athletic Director Hayes informed the Board of the start today of the winter sports practices and relayed information from the recent athletic director meetings he has attended. The Board gave Hayes permission for the varsity volleyball team to accept an invitation to the Sandy Creek tournament on September 10, 2016. The Board also agreed to stay with the 11-man football classification for the next two years and to re-evaluate at that time.

Supt. Reznicek reminded the Board of the meal with the AdvancEd accreditation team on Sunday, November 29th at 5 pm at the State Park. Also, the NASB convention begins Wednesday, November 18th in LaVista.

Board Communications and Committee Reports:

The building committee will be meeting on November 21st at 8:00 a.m. to determine the cement issues that need to be addressed. Supt. Reznicek has also scheduled appointments with technicians to look at the electrical usage in the buildings.

The finance committee met and will be recommending that the Board transfer \$200,000 into the depreciation fund in February 2016 and transfer \$50,000 every quarter thereafter for the purpose of future technology and other costs. They also discussed adding an additional technology specialist. These recommended items will be up for vote on the December Board agenda.

New Business:

An advisory committee for 1:1 computer devices presented a business plan on the needs for the district. Committee members included Monte Burki, Kristie Hayes, Stacey Carnell, Lisa Balvantin, Adam Poulosky, Kevin Niemeier, Fran Hassler and Casey McGhee. The Board asked the committee to continue on with the plan by looking at all costs involved and working towards purchasing teachers' computers first.

The Board reviewed District goals and will continue to review them on a quarterly basis.

Supt. Reznicek distributed copies of the 2014-15 school audit.

Kramper moved to approve the purchase of Christmas hams for the staff at a maximum cost of 5% over what was spent last year. Gill seconded the motion. M.C. 5-0.

Burki distributed a list of yearly maintenance and cleaning services that MB Mowing has done for the Sports Complex. The list will be used as a guide for anyone interested in bidding the project in 2016.

The Board of Education meeting time will change to 7:00 p.m. for the months of December, January, February and March.

The next regular meeting will be held December 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Ponca School art room. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary