

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 16, 2020**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020 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 and the school house door, 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 regular 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 call was taken and the following members were present: Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Others present were Supt. Duane Krusemark, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Sec. Lorrie Huston and several visitors.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Fethkenher 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 October 19, 2020 meeting, the October 24, 2020 retreat, and the November 10, 2020 special meeting ; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,433,047.37, a depreciation fund balance of \$279,336.07, a bond fund balance of \$759,576.70, a special building fund balance of \$275,814.60, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,097.81, an activity fund balance of \$266,554.39, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$37,006.33; general fund disbursements of \$136,663.10; bond fund disbursements of \$411,192.50; credit card payments; and the November payroll report.

Supt. Krusemark, Principal Lahm, and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports.

Discussion Items:

Kristie Hayes presented the fall State Reports, the historical enrollment data reports, and the technology report. The first reading of board policy #6121-Instruction-Curriculum Review Cycle was discussed and the recent Alicap Inspection Report was reviewed.

Action Items:

The following policies were approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill: Policy #4025- Professional Boundaries Between Employees and Students, Policy #4031- Injury Leave, Policy #4270 –Staff Payments During Closure, Policy #5008 – Student Attendance – Attendance Policy and Excessive Absenteeism, and Policy #8342 – Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper made a motion to not offer the Early Leave Incentive for the 2020-21 school year. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

The 2019-20 District Audit was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of Andrea Stewart as Junior High Assistant Volleyball Coach, pending suitable replacement, was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

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

The resignation of Katie Keifer as Assistant Softball Coach, pending suitable replacement, was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Burki moved to approve payment to US Bank for the NASB Education Conference fees for virtual attendance. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Dohma. M.C.

Fethkenher made a motion to employ NASB to start a Superintendent search. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Dohma. M.C.

The next regular meeting will be held December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:15 p.m., there being no further business, Fethkenher moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary