

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 20, 2014 7:30 PM**

A meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jackson Elementary commons, 223 North John Street, 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.

President Rickett 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: Rickett, Kramper, Gill, Dohma, Book, Burki. Also present were Supt. Reznicek, Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston and 15 visitors.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Kramper and a second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett. M.C. 6-0.

Several certified employees spoke to the Board on the technology needs in the classrooms and the benefits of having one to one technology devices.

Minutes from the September 15, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion by Gill and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Burki, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book. M.C. 6-0.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Book and a second by Burki. Voting Aye: Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book, Burki. M.C. 6-0. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$469,614.04; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$137,155.44; a Bond Fund balance of \$927,867.58; a Special Building Fund balance of \$274,084.95; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,481.44; an Activity Fund balance of \$131,993.03; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$18,202.02.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Kramper and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Book, Dohma. Burki voted Aye but abstained on check #23175. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$111,064.11; and Building Fund Sports Complex Disbursements totaled \$3,162.87. A check written from the general fund for a previously approved item was: \$63,895.50 to Mid States School Bus. Checks written from the sports complex account for previously approved items and paid for by donated funds were: \$1,985.00 to Lux Brothers and \$16,699.00 to National Recreation Systems for bleachers.

New Business

A. Administration Reports:

Principal Hayes reported on the completion of MAPS testing, end of the first quarter, elementary parent-teacher conferences scheduled for October 23rd, Conference vocal clinic at Allen on November 10th, and the Conference one act play production on November 19th at Ponca sponsored by Emerson. Principal Rinas reported on the English language arts standards, the multicultural report, the school improvement team workshop in Norfolk on October 23rd & 24th, and the red ribbon week activities October 20th through October 24th.

Supt. Reznicek reported on the bond timeline from D.A. Davidson and FEH's progress on construction plans for the West gymnasium.

Athletic Director Hayes reported the last football game for the season is October 24th, the volleyball conference tournament starts October 25th at Ponca, and some schools are struggling with low numbers of football players for next year's season.

B. Board Communications and Committee Reports:

The negotiations committee set dates of November 11th and/or 12th to meet with the PEA representatives.

C. Early Graduation Request:

Gill moved to approve Leo Markworth for early graduation as long as his grades stay in good standing. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Burki. M.C. 6-0.

D. Character Team Update:

Character Team members Leann Curry, Stacey Carnell, Cindy Anderson, Fran Hassler, and Christy Schweers along with students Leo Markworth and Kortney Fethkenher reported on the Character Team lessons and the Olweus Bullying Survey results.

E. English Language Arts Standards:

Book moved to approve the English Language Arts Standards. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Gill, Kramper, Rickett, Burki, Book, Dohma. M.C. 6-0

F. State of the Schools Report:

The State of the Schools Report will be presented during the November Board Meeting.

G. 2014-2015 Enrollment Numbers:

2014-2015 Enrollment Information and Option Enrollment Capacity reports were reviewed by the Board. Kristie Hayes talked about the e-Rate application for infrastructure grant money.

H. Hire Girls and Boys Basketball assistant coaches:

A motion by Dohma to hire Eric Kloke as the assistant girls basketball coach and Trevor Wright as the assistant boys basketball coach at the same rates of compensation as last year, seconded by Book, was passed. Voting Aye: Burki, Gook, Dohma, Gill, Kramper, Rickett. M.C. 6-0.

I. After School Program:

No action was taken.

J. Retirement Incentives for Administrators: Committee members Dohma, Burki and Rickett will review the information provided and present conclusion to Board.

The next meeting will be held November 17th at 7:30 p.m. in Ponca.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary