

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools  
October 15, 2018 7:30 p.m.**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the Ponca Public Schools Library. The meeting was convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted and given to all members of the Board of Education.

Bonnie Ferry and Karen Rush of the Salem Lutheran Church E-Team served pie prior to the meeting to thank the Board for their work.

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. Roll call was taken. Members present were Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. Others present included Supt. Phillips, Principal Lahm, Principal Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Sec. Huston and several visitors.

Kramper moved to approve the absence of member John Gill. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda, the minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting, financial reports consisting of the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$895,727.69; a depreciation fund balance of \$141,540.39; a bond fund balance of \$652,699.04; a special building fund balance of \$312,007.89; an employee benefit fund balance of \$1,489.57; an activity fund balance of \$191,906.18; and a hot lunch fund balance of \$19,046.39; and claims and accounts consisting of general fund disbursements of \$52,878.42. Credit card payments and the October payroll report were also approved.

Fethkenher moved to approve the payment to MB Mowing of \$1,800 for monthly sports complex maintenance. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki. M.C.

A motion was made by Burki, second by Fethkenher to approve payment to NASB for the State Education Conference. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. Abstaining (with conflict): Dohma. M.C.

Supt. Phillips reported on the end of the first quarter, the completion of the fall State reporting, Standard Response Protocol training for staff and students, the State Education Conference, the purchase of new safety straps for the basketball hoops, obtaining bids on filling in the basement under the old art building, and researching the school electrical bills.

Elementary Principal Hayes reported on the Title I parent's night with Mrs. Pat Anderson, parent-teacher conferences on October 18<sup>th</sup>, Poppy Poster contest winners announced on October 16<sup>th</sup>, grandparent day in Jackson on October 26<sup>th</sup>, and Halloween parties on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Secondary Principal Lahm reported on parent-teacher conferences on October 18<sup>th</sup>, Red Ribbon Week October 23-26, the blood drive on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Doyle Van Dyke sponsoring a motivational speaker on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Veterans' Day program on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and activities and award winners for homecoming 2018. Principal Lahm thanked everyone that helped make homecoming successful. He also presented data on Map Growth testing for the fall of 2018 as compared to previous years. ACT scores were also discussed as well as thanking the teachers that made it possible for the students to participate in the ACT prep class.

Athletic Director Hayes congratulated the cross country and softball teams on their seasons and he noted the remaining schedules for the football and volleyball teams.

Dohma commented on his and Supt. Phillips' attendance at the recent NASB area membership meeting. Sessions included current legislation and the open meetings act.

Character Team members Fran Hassler, Keith Trusty, Paula Larsen, Tricia Hoffman, Kory Pfister, and Cindy Anderson gave a presentation on the character lessons taught and the results of the Spring 2017-18 Olweus bullying survey.

The 2017-18 District Audit was not yet available for distribution.

Next month there will be a vote to retain responsibility for the driver's education program at the district level or to move it to Northeast College.

The contract with MB Mowing for the sports complex maintenance will end in November. Bids will be obtained for the next contract term beginning in March of 2019. Supt. Phillips will talk to the City of Ponca about sharing summer maintenance responsibilities.

The option enrollment item did not require approval by the Board. No vote was taken.

Kramper moved to not offer the early leave incentive this year. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The next regular board meeting will be held November 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Ponca Public Schools.

At 8:50 p.m., Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary