

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 19, 2020**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 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 7:30 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 were Supt. Duane Krusemark, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Sec. Lorrie Huston and several visitors. Principal Lahm joined the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and Principal Hayes joined the meeting at 9:00 p.m. after the conference volleyball game.

Will Kastning requested to speak to the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Gill 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 September 14, 2020 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,552,462.69, a depreciation fund balance of \$279,336.07, a bond fund balance of \$728,916.42, a special building fund balance of \$275,798.21, an employee benefit fund balance of \$6,096.52, an activity fund balance of \$241,068.72, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$17,767.57; general fund disbursements of \$124,052.91; student fee fund disbursements of \$351.95; credit card payments; and the October payroll report.

Supt. Krusemark and Principal Lahm gave the administration reports.

Discussion Items:

The first reading of the following updated policies was discussed: 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.

The link for the NASB newsletter and a letter from The Wedding Storytellers, who donated the virtual graduation video to the district, were shared.

The Board asked Supt. Krusemark to continue with the EPA application for a bus grant.

The Veteran's Day program will be done virtually this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Board thanked all those involved with this program.

Guidance Counselors Cindy Anderson and Fran Hassler gave the annual Character Team presentation.

Supt. Krusemark shared the current textbook adoption schedule and the plans to update it. He also shared the ESU 1 annual report.

The difference between e-learning and remote learning was discussed as well as preparing for possible snow days or school closures.

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

Kramper moved to approve a bid from Mid States Electric for sidewalk lighting and bus plug-ins in the amount of \$9,400. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The board retreat will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 24th.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:21 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary