

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 21, 2024**

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The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024 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, the school main entrance, 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 Fethkenher called the 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 was taken. Members present were Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, Phil Kramper, and Christina Luebe. Absent: Casey McGhee. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal John Stroud, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and 3 visitors. AD Evan Colfack was absent due to supervision of an athletic event and Principal Allison Stansberry was absent due to illness.

Kramper moved to approve the absence of Board member Casey McGhee. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. M.C.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma moved to approve the consent agenda and Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the September 16th and 19th meetings; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$3,226,997.33, a depreciation fund balance of \$502,994.72, a bond fund balance of \$829,418.58, a special building fund balance of \$907.53, an employee benefit fund balance of \$5,213.75, an activity fund balance of \$327,634.87, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$134,515.34; general fund disbursements of \$195,887.89; credit card payments; and the October payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan reported on classified staff positions being filled, facilities maintenance, the purchase of two more Ford Expeditions to comply with Federal student transportation regulations, negotiations with the PEA to begin on 11/15 for the 25-26 school year, and registrations for the State Education Conference.

He also read the reports from Mrs. Stansberry and Mr. Colfack. Mrs. Stansberry's report included professional development plans for the Continuous Improvement Team, the ILCD workshop and progress for the Special Education department, the completion of first semester teacher evaluations, the annual student leadership retreat, parent-teacher conferences on October 24th, the Veterans Day Program on November 8th, and the Wayne State College Career Fair on October 23rd. Mr. Colfack's report included the fall sports season ending schedules, the State Cross Country Qualifiers, junior high football, cross country and volleyball records, and Ponca Music Department students selected for the Northeast Community College Hawkfest, the Midland University Honor Choir and All-State Music.

Elementary Principal Stroud reported on Fire Prevention Week activities, end of the first quarter and parent-teacher conferences, Red Ribbon Week, the family Halloween dance on October 29th, Jackson Elementary Trunk-or-Treat on November 1st along with Grandparent's Day and the Book Fair, and the Sioux City Musketeers Hockey Game for 3-6 grades on November 6th.

Kramper urged everyone to participate in the blood drive taking place at the school on October 23rd.

Discussion Items:

Principal Stroud presented the Fall Map Testing Data in Math, Reading and Science from 2022-23 through the present.

Action Items:

Kramper moved to approve the sale of the 12 Bus, 08 Van, and 04 Suburban. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Dohma made a motion to approve the hires of Sadie Vander Streek as Ponca Cook, CJ Geary as Head Wrestling Coach, and Brian Burrell as Activity and Substitute Bus Route Driver. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

A bid from Verzani farms for snow removal was accepted on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

The next regular board meeting will be held on November 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Americanism Committee meeting prior to the Board Meeting.

At 7:40 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and Luebe. Absent: McGhee. M.C.

Respectively submitted:

Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary