

**Minutes of the Budget Hearing,
and Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools
September 16, 2024**

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The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a budget hearing and regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024 in the Ponca Public Schools library. All were convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted on the school doors, at the post office, the Dixon County Courthouse, the Bank of Dixon County 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 opened the budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. Superintendent Calahan presented the 2024-25 proposed budget figures. Public comments were welcomed but none were made. The budget hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

President Fethkenher called the regular meeting to order at 7:21 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 Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. Others present were Supt. Calahan, Principal Stansberry, Principal Stroud, AD Colfack, Andy Stark, Sec. Lorrie Huston, and 3 visitors.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda, the minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular meeting, the minutes of the August 29, 2024 special meeting, the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,735,407.56; a depreciation fund balance of \$502,215.97; a bond fund balance of \$723,596.93; a special building fund balance of \$907.53; an employee benefit fund balance of \$5,211.82; an activity fund balance of \$319,609.82; and a school nutrition fund balance of \$139,835.05; general fund disbursements of \$103,482.33, credit card charges and the September payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan reported on the annual sprinkler inspection, bus repair costs, the NASB member meeting, job openings, and his contract days worked to date.

Principal Stansberry reported on the NASES conference that she attended, the PLC plans for 24-25, special education updates, homecoming activities, and the annual Orphan Grain Train meal packaging on September 26th. She also congratulated the homecoming royalty of Queen Ellesyn Hrouda and King Tucker McGill.

Principal Stroud reported on the completed fall MAP testing, the completed K-4 Aimsweb testing, the Reading Act Bill parent letters, mid-term reports, 5th grade attending the Ponca State Park Expo and November 1st being the date for Jackson's grandparents' day, book fair, and trunk or treat.

Activities Director Colfack reported on the purchase of a MX-1 receiver and G6 Radio for the Sports Complex, the Conference meeting on September 4th, and the rearrangement of the Conference Banners in the gym.

There were no Board communications or committee reports.

Superintendent Calahan discussed with the board the State Education Conference plans and the need for a special meeting after the joint tax hearing to adopt the budget and set the final tax asking.

Kramper moved to approve an increase in substitute teacher pay to \$140 for a full day and \$80 for a half day. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

There will be a Joint Tax Hearing at the Dixon County Courthouse on September 19th at 7:00 PM. There will be a special meeting on September 26th at 7 pm to formally adopt the budget and set the final tax asking by resolution.

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Luebe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. McGhee seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe and McGhee. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary