

**Minutes of the Budget Hearing,
Tax Request Hearing, and the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools
September 18, 2023**

Meeting Notice posted 9/7/23

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a budget hearing, final tax request hearing, and regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 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 2023-24 proposed budget figures. Public comments were welcomed but none were made. The budget hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

President Fethkenher opened the special hearing for the final tax request at 7:21 p.m. Superintendent Calahan presented the property valuation figures and the 2023-24 proposed tax request. Public comments were welcomed but none were made. The special hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

President Fethkenher called the regular meeting to order at 7:56 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, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. Others present were Supt. Calahan, Principal Stansberry, Kristie Hayes, and Sec. Lorrie Huston. Principal Hayes was absent due to attending Ponca athletic events.

Absent member Luebe was excused on a motion by Burki, second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper and McGhee. 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 Kramper. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda, the minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting, the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,440,655.64; a depreciation fund balance of \$400,293.41; a bond fund balance of \$693,410.96; a special building fund balance of \$56,907.53; an employee benefit fund balance of \$9,040.03; an activity fund balance of \$330,765.46; and a school nutrition fund balance of \$141,961.67; general fund disbursements of \$78,758.96, credit card charges and the September payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan reported on the flood mitigation project schedule, the NASB State Education Conference reservation timeline, open classified staff positions, and his quarterly workday update of 55 days worked.

Principal Stansberry reported on the Math Alignment process, the book study, evaluation completions, the school improvement team, assessment data, homecoming, the Orphan Grain Train, character meetings, and the student leadership team.

Principal and Athletic Director reports were read by Supt. Calahan for Mr. Hayes. The reports included MAP testing completion, homework club, the Reading Act Bill requirements, midterm reports, 3rd grade attendance at the Ag Expo, the elementary fundraiser, the October 27th grandparents' day and Trunk or Treat in Jackson, the fall sports sub-district and district schools, and the NSAA classification committee meeting on September 27th.

Board Communications: Dohma shared that the Ponca Community Education Foundation will be celebrating 40 years in 2024. They will be holding a raffle and planning special events.

There will be an agenda item on the October meeting to discuss raising home athletic event admission prices to \$6 for adults and \$5 for students.

Dohma moved to approved the contract of Mary Swick as a music and art teacher at Jackson Elementary. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.

The addition of Girl's Wrestling passed with a motion by Dohma, second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.

The 2023-24 budget was adopted as presented with a motion by Burki, second by Dohma. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.

The 2023-24 Levy Resolution and Final Property Tax Request of \$4,663,459.00 for the General Fund and \$521,843.00 for the Bond Fund was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.

The next regular board meeting will be held Monday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

There being no further business, Kramper moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, and McGhee. Absent: Luebe. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary