

**Minutes of the Budget Hearing,  
Tax Request Hearing, and the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools  
September 17, 2018**

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 17, 2018 in the Ponca Public Schools fine arts auditorium. All were convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted and given to all members of the Board of Education.

President Book opened the budget hearing at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed public comments. Roll call was taken. Members present were Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Burki. Others present included Supt. Phillips, Principal Lahm, Principal Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Sec. Huston and several visitors. The budget hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Book opened the final tax request hearing at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed public comments. Roll call was taken. Members present were Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Burki. The hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

President Book called the regular meeting to order at 7:41 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, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Burki.

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

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Kramper and a second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda, the minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting, financial reports consisting of the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$249,797.86; a depreciation fund balance of \$148,126.84; a bond fund balance of \$562,505.10; a special building fund balance of \$331,184.97; an employee benefit fund balance of \$1,489.08; an activity fund balance of \$195,563.45; a school nutrition fund balance of \$26,384.39; claims and accounts consisting of general fund disbursements of \$54,571.15, a general fund check update of \$97,259.00, a depreciation fund disbursement of \$6,754.07 and a special building fund disbursement of \$19,225.00. Credit card payments and the September payroll report were also approved.

Kramper moved to approve payment to MB Mowing in the amount of \$1680 for the monthly sports complex maintenance. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

Payment to NASB in the amount of \$102 for Area Membership Meeting fees and NAEP annual membership passed on a motion by Gill, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Dohma. Absent: Burki. M.C.

Supt. Phillips reported on the State coding conversion, the crisis committee training and using standard response protocol, the new bus stop signage and efforts to enforce traffic rules while busses are stopped, and upcoming meetings for the transportation, technology and Americanism committees. He also thanked the finance committee for their input on the budget preparations and noted that the Board meetings will be moved to the library beginning next month.

Principal Lahm spoke about MAP testing for grades 7-12, a reduction in homework assignments, the start of character meetings and school improvement meetings, the homecoming schedule, the new science standards, and the new weekly eligibility policy.

Principal Hayes reported on MAP testing for the elementary grades, the accelerated reading program, homework club, six elementary staff members with autism training, and adjustments to homework assignments. He also reported on this year's class C2 designation for both boys' and girls' basketball, the class C designation for wrestling, the new conference ruling that fans would not be allowed to bring crock pots into schools after the games, the conference play production held in Ponca and hosted by Wakefield on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and the new ice machine at the sports complex purchased by the booster club and the city recreation organization.

Dohma spoke about the NASB update that was included on the agenda.

Supt. Phillips gave his quarterly report on contract duty days worked at 53 for the 18-19 contract year.

Dohma moved to adopt the 2018-19 budget as published and presented. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

The 2018-19 Final Property Tax Request of \$4,167,767.64 for the General Fund and \$545,454.54 for the Bond Fund was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Gill. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

Dohma moved to approve the three year HVAC maintenance contract with Engineered Controls. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

Gill moved to approve the sprinkler system change order in the amount of \$669.54 to Sprakel Sprinklers. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

The next regular board meeting will be held October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

At 8:36 p.m. Kramper moved to adjourn the meeting. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, Kramper. Absent: Burki. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary