

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2025 7:00 PM  
Posting Date: March 13, 2025**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, on the school website, 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.

In the absence of the Board President and Vice President, member Phil Kramper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The public was informed that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and Kramper led the flag salute. Roll was taken. Members present were Jerod Davis, Phil Kramper, Christina Luebe, and Julie Schamp. Absent members were Richard Dohma and Casey McGhee. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal John Stroud, AD Evan Colfack, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 4 visitors.

Luebe moved to approve the absences of board members Dohma and McGhee. Schamp seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. M.C.

PEA representative Beth Burki spoke to the Board.

Davis moved to approve the consent agenda and Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the February 17, 2025 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$3,723,775.48, a depreciation fund balance of \$503,818.80, a bond fund balance of \$593,909.26, a special building fund balance of \$136,690.82, an employee benefit fund balance of \$5,185.63, an activity fund balance of \$327,830.90, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$110,806.32.00; general fund disbursements of \$66,264.18; employee benefit fund disbursements of \$7.20; monthly credit card charges; and the March payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Calahan reported on the energy project and concrete walkway repair being the focus for summer improvements, the plan for the high nutrition fund cash reserve, current job openings and hires, and the certification of 25-26 State Aid at \$1,686,814.

Principal Stansberry reported on Kole Krusemark being chosen as the February student of the month, Junior High Course Changes for 25-26 with the addition of a music appreciation class, congratulations to Prom royalty candidates Emma Uthof, Lexi Swick, Ava Voss, Ashten Finseth, Brailyn Hogan, Zain Stark, Bryce Pokorny, Austin Dendinger, Trystan Bevelhymer, and Jace Wahls, NSCAS and ACT testing in April, the Senior trip on April 21<sup>st</sup>, and congratulations to Addie Bostwick for having artwork selected to be displayed during Youth Art Month at the Sioux City Art Center.

Principal Stroud reported on the completion of LETRS training by the K-6 teachers, orientation sessions for 6<sup>th</sup> graders entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade, NSCAS testing in April, the Ponca bookfair being held March 21-28, elementary report cards being sent home on March 19, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade attending an Orpheum Theatre concert on March 25, Title I Parents' night on March 25, preschool sign up on April 3, kindergarten sign up on April 10, and Elementary Track and Field Day on May 9.

Activities Director Colfack reported on the end of the boys' and girls' basketball seasons, the conference speech meet on March 1 with Ella Eifert placing 6<sup>th</sup> in the Poetry division, conference honor band on March 10 at Wayne State College, the conference art show March 31 to April 4 at the Wayne Auditorium, and the start of Spring sports practices.

The facilities committee reported on their meeting with Community Building Solutions in reference to the energy management plan. The plan would include the installation of higher quality HVAC units and replacement of the current lighting with LED bulbs. There is a possible 1% financing option through the Nebraska Department of Energy.

Superintendent Calahan presented the ALICAP Safety Inspection Report.

Luebe moved to approve the contract from Community Building Solutions contingent upon NDEE and BDC committing to financing. Davis seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

The inspection contract from Johnson Controls was approved on a motion by Schamp, second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

Luebe moved to approve the 2025-26 option enrollments into the district of 2 kindergartners from the Homer district, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader from the Wakefield district, and an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from the Wakefield district. Schamp seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

Davis moved to approve pre-school tuition at \$12 per day for 2025-26. Schamp seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

Mrs. JoAnn Todd's retirement as Kindergarten teacher was approved with thanks for over 30 years of service on a motion by Luebe and second by Schamp. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

A motion was made by Luebe to approve revised policy 4015 -Prohibition Against Employment of Board Members as presented and with an amendment to restrict them from participating in negotiation committee activity. Davis seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

Casey McGhee was approved as head football coach on a motion by Kramper and second by Luebe. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

Schamp moved to approve the hiring of Katie Curry as Jackson Specials Teacher. Davis seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

The next regular board meeting will be held on April 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:08 p.m., there being no further business, Schamp moved to adjourn the meeting. Davis seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Davis, Kramper, Luebe, and Schamp. Absent: Dohma and McGhee. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Dohma, Board President

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary