

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
October 17, 2016 7:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Ponca Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in room 126 of Ponca Public Schools, 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ponca, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice was given in advance 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.

The following Board members were present: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. Also present were Supt. Reznicek, Princ. Rinas, Princ. Hayes, Sec. Huston, and several visitors.

President Rickett called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 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.

Kramper moved to approve the absence of John Gill. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Dohma and a second by Book. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Keith Trusty asked the Board to consider adding diagonal parking by the shop building. He also expressed his views on the Board's decision not to offer the early retirement incentive to teachers this year.

Kari Lowe read a personal letter addressing the Board's decision not to offer the early retirement incentive and her decision to retire.

Carla Taylor spoke on the vagueness and the timing of the early retirement incentive policy with a suggestion to revise the policy for future use.

Minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by Book and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Financial reports were approved with a motion by Dohma and a second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C. The Treasurer's report shows a General Fund balance of \$1,025,200.29; a Depreciation Fund balance of \$191,657.32; a Bond Fund balance of \$1,058,604.99; a Special Building Fund balance of \$311,388.02; an Employee Benefit Fund balance of \$1,484.45; an Activity Fund balance of \$135,838.95; and a Hot Lunch Fund balance of \$27,109.76.

Claims and accounts were approved on a motion by Book and a second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. Voting Aye but abstaining from check #24701: Burki. M.C. General Fund disbursements totaled \$136,027.26, and Special Building Fund disbursements totaled \$24,476.16.

Principal Hayes recognized Brady Carnell for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Jackson American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism essay contest and going on to win 1<sup>st</sup> place in his division at the State level and in

the northwest's National level. Hayes also informed the Board of the upcoming elementary parent-teacher conferences and the end of the fall sports' seasons.

Principal Rinas reported on the professional development days, the PLC sessions and the school improvement team progress. Both Hayes and Rinas reported on the completion of MAP testing.

Supt. Reznicek presented information on area schools' valuations, levies, State Aid, and tax requests.

Kristie Hayes reported on the 2016-17 student enrollment, option students, and free or reduced lunches.

Jeff Reed updated the Board on activity related to school technology.

The building and grounds committee will meet on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Character Team members Stacey Carnell, Cindy Anderson, Fran Hassler, Andrea Stewart and students Carin Mellick, Steven Lieber, Sophie Kramper and Emily Persinger talked about the character meetings and the Olweus Spring survey results. A letter from Brooklynn Dutcher was read. All had positive comments to offer and the Board thanked the team for their contributions.

Principal Rinas reported on the multi-cultural lessons being taught in the classrooms.

Adam Sprakel was approved as a local substitute with a motion by Kramper and second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The resignation of Pete Velez as assistant wrestling coach was approved on a motion by Book, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Burki moved to approve the 2016-17 Board Goals. Kramper seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C.

A discussion was held about starting a school softball team. Currently the school co-ops with South Sioux City. The Board asked for more information on potential costs and numbers of athletes from Athletic Director Hayes before a decision could be made.

Dohma moved to approve the retirement as of December 21, 2016 of vocal music instructor Kari Lowe. Book seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The retirement of Supt. Joan Reznicek effective June 30, 2017 was accepted on a motion by Book and second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Kramper, Rickett. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The next meeting will be held November 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Ponca Public School.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary