

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Hearing and Special Meeting
August 5, 2019**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a budget amendment hearing and a special meeting on Monday, August 5, 2019 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3rd Street, Ponca, Nebraska. Both were 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 and the school house door, 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.

Members present were Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, and Phil Kramper. Absent: John Gill. Others present were Supt. Jody Phillips, Principal Bob Hayes, Principal Derek Lahm, Kristie Hayes, Sec. Lorrie Huston and 3 visitors.

President Book opened the budget amendment hearing at 7:00 p.m and welcomed public comment. Roll call was taken. Present members were Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. There was no public comment heard. The hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

President Book called the special meeting to order at 7:05 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. Present members were Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill.

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

Paul Grieger from D.A. Davidson spoke to the Board about refinancing the Series 2015 bonds to achieve interest cost savings.

Dohma moved to approve the resolution to authorize the early redemption of the District's outstanding general obligation refunding bonds, series 2015. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The resolution to authorize the issuance of not to exceed \$8,000,000 of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2019, for the purpose of refinancing the district's general obligation refunding bonds, series 2015, in order to achieve interest cost savings, was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Dohma. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Kramper moved to approve the employment of Sadie Wehmeyer Vander Streek as cook for the Ponca School. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The employment of Rachel Goetz as a paraprofessional passed with a motion by Dohma and second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The employment of Ashley Uthof as a part-time elementary secretary at Ponca School passed with a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

The employment of Kelsey Fields as assistant volleyball coach was approved on a motion by Kramper, second by Burki. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

There was no action taken on a Junior High Assistant Football Coach.

The amended 2018-19 budget was approved on a motion by Burki and second by Fethkenher. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C. The bond fund was the only fund affected by the

amendment. The budget for the bond fund disbursements was increased by \$1000 to cover repayment of taxes paid by Dixon county in error.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:35 p.m., there being no further business, Kramper moved to adjourn the meeting. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher and Kramper. Absent: Gill. M.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary