

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024**

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The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3rd 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, 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.

President Fethkenher called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 was taken. Members present were Monte Burki, Richard Dohma, Shawn Fethkenher, Phil Kramper, Christina Luebe, and Casey McGhee. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Allison Stansberry, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston, and 2 visitors.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Dohma made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a change to move item 6.1.2 before item 6.1.1. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda with changes; the minutes of the March 18, 2024 meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$2,987,672.16, a depreciation fund balance of \$402,096.23, a bond fund balance of \$586,114.55, a special building fund balance of \$56,907.53, an employee benefit fund balance of \$5,926.62, an activity fund balance of \$310,328.87, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$141,908.60; general fund disbursements of \$80,852.48; credit card payments; and the April payroll report.

Administrative Reports:

Principal Stansberry –Reported on her progress in setting up class schedules in PowerScheduler, recent ACT scores with one student receiving a perfect score in English, NSCAS testing schedules beginning April 16th, prom on April 6th, academic awards night on April 29th, seniors' last day on May 1, pancake breakfast on May 3rd, and graduation on May 4th. Principal Stansberry left the meeting at 7:15 pm to attend the high school music concert and awards program.

Superintendent Calahan –Reported on classified staff openings for 24-25 of 1 kitchen and 2 para positions, the majority of the sports complex restoration has been completed, Gill Construction will start on the flood mitigation project in late May, an energy audit is scheduled for April 17, and State Aid certification amounts may change for 2024-25.

Principal Hayes reported on Pre-K open house & graduation, kindergarten sign-up & graduation, MAP testing schedules, elementary field trips, Spring concerts, 2nd grade orientation, NSCAS testing, AR goal movie, and the completion of all of the elementary teacher evaluations. The Athletic Director report included conference, district and state track meet dates, conference, district and state golf meet dates, NSAA failed football proposals, the installation of newly required basketball shot clocks, the addition of girls' wrestling in class B, the requirement of all coaches and sponsors to be CPR certified beginning with the 2024-25 school year, and the hosting of the highest seeded team in sub-district and district basketball, volleyball, and softball regardless of distance

Board Communications and Committee Reports

There will be a facilities committee meeting scheduled to talk about summer projects.

Discussion Items:

Superintendent Calahan presented the Wellness Triennial Assessment and the Wellness policy for review.

The Senior/Staff pancake breakfast will be Friday May 3rd beginning at 7:30 a.m. The board members will be serving.

Action Items:

Luebe moved to approve May 17th as the last day of school for the 2023-24 school year. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U. The last day for staff will be May 22nd.

The option enrollment request into the district from South Sioux City of a second grader for the 2024-25 school year was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by McGhee. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U

The purchase of a maintenance ATV and snow removal blade not to exceed \$11,000 was approved on a motion by McGhee, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U

Dohma moved to approve the resignations at the end of the 23-24 school year of Mathia Shumaker, Jackson para, and Kim Garcia, Ponca para and bus driver. Luebe seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U

The next regular board meeting will be held on May 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:43 p.m., there being no further business, Burki moved to adjourn the meeting. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Kramper, Luebe, and McGhee. M.C.U.

Respectively submitted:

Shawn Fethkenher, Board President

Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary