The Hitchcock County School Board of Education’s 2020-2021 budget amendment hearing on January 11, 2021 was opened at 6:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Superintendent Sattler stated that the purpose of the budget amendment was to facilitate the refunding of the bond. Board President Scott reviewed the budget document with the board. There was no public comment or questions. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:01.

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met January 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Hitchcock Count Jr/Sr High School in Trenton. Present were board members Kolbet, Marks, Hagan, Scott, and O’Byrne. Absent Rippen. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, J. Rahrs, D. Bohochik, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Notice of the board’s adherence to the Nebraska Open Meeting Law posted on the north wall of the meeting room was given. The meeting was properly advertised in the Hitchcock County News on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

Moved by Hagan, seconded by Marks to excuse Rippen. Aye votes O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to approve the January 2021, regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed visitors. There were no comments.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by O’Byrne to remove checks 29613, 29621, 29624, and 29633 from the consent agenda. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Hagan; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the December 2020 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $347,120.46 and lunch fund bills totaling $12,553.31. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to approve check 29613, Bryan Hagan. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Kolbet; nay votes none. Hagan abstained.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Marks to approve check 29621, Aaron Kolbet. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, and Marks; nay votes none. Kolbet abstained.

Moved by Scott; seconded by O’Byrne to approve check 29624, Larry Marks. Aye votes O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, and Scott; nay votes none. Marks abstained.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to approved check 29633, Casha O’Byrne. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none. O’Byrne abstained.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to elect Scott as president of the school board. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Marks to retain the current officers of the school board. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none. The officers are as follows: Vice President – Rippen; Secretary – O’Byrne, and Treasurer – Kolbet.

Discussion and assignments were made to the 2021 Hitchcock County Schools Board of Education committees.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to approve the 2021-2022 negotiated agreement as presented: $600 increase on the base and a 1% increase on the extra-curricular head coaches, assistant coaches, junior high coaches, speech/drama coach, and concession director. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Principal Tines presented the board with three quotes for the elementary locker rooms HVAC system. Snell Services - $11,852; Veteran Heating and Air Conditioning - $15,168 and $15870; and Hunter Heating and Cooling - $13,759. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the proposal from Snell Services for $11,852 to be paid out of the depreciation reserve account. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to approve the 2020-2021 amended budget as presented. Aye votes O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Committee reports as follows: Scott reviewed the negotiation committee. The committee will need to meet more often for the 2022-2023 negotiations as the committee is hoping to review deeper with area schools and work on making the pay more competitive.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) The Lions Club screenings are rescheduled to February 16th. (2) December 17th was the “Because of You” dinner with Claire Lashley. (3) Mr. Tines attended ADVISER training via Zoom on January 8th to prepare for state testing. (4) There will be a principal meeting at ESU 15 on January 19th. (5) The Spelling Bee will be at Hayes Center on January 20th. (6) January 20th is “I Love Public Schools Day”. (7) Hitchcock County Elementary is hosting the RPAC Speech meet on February 17th. (8) Becky Ebert has been hired as the new assistant cook at the elementary. (9) New Language Arts curriculum is being reviewed for the 2021-2022 school year.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) A legislative review. (2) A new stimulus bill was passed with $54 billion designated for schools. (3) The FFCRA pay ended on December 31st. Mr. Sattler asked the board for an extension to March 31st. This will be on the February board agenda. (4) Mr. Sattler asked the board to extend the PTC half-day dismissal to a full “no school” day to allow the school improvement/accreditation team to meet with the staff. The board approved of this change. (5) Mr. Sattler and Ms. McCarter discussed with the board a possible need for a hardship in obtaining graduation credits required by Hitchcock County Schools. The board will review this on a year to year “as needed” basis. This will not be a permanent change to the graduation requirements.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM. The next board meeting will be held February 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The agenda kept continuously current is available to the public for items of an emergency nature. The meeting is open to the public.

Craig Scott, President Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services 3,164.00

Aflac – payroll deductions 426.14

Columbia Credit Office – building supply 263.80

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,118.47

Arctic Glacier USA – ice 50.54

B.E. Publishing – textbooks 2,603.19

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 52,726.92

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 4,580.15

Choice Plumbing – plumbing services 71.69

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes/safe deposit box 42,846.49

Community Hospital – DOT physical 162.00

Cornhusker International – bus repairs 5,042.40

D&L Pest Control – pest control 120.00

Dans R Us – trash 165.25

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supplies 518.67

Employee Benefit fund – payroll deduction 334.95

ESU # 15 – contracted services 19,532.89

ESU #16 – contracted services 203.68

Farmers Coop – bus/building fuels 7,195.48

Follett School Solutions – library books 758.11

Gary’s Super Foods – gift cards 3,100.00

Great Plains Communications – phone bills 210.27

Bryan Hagan – board mileage 151.80

Halo Branded Solutions – guidance supply 2,046.80

Harris School Solutions – checks/tax forms 692.79

HCHS Petty School – reimbursements 458.77

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,350.42

Hometown Leasing – copiers 384.70

Hot Lunch fund – payments 686.09

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply 710.44

Aaron Kolbet – board mileage 110.40

KSB School Law – legal services 250.00

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 99.63

Larry Marks – board mileage 289.80

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 125.80

MCI – long distance 49.29

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,249.75

Midwest Alarm Services – fire alarm services 337.68

HCS Retirement – retirement account 36,910.15

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 5,958.44

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 53.33

O’Brien – ballast replacement 1,214.26

Casha O’Byrne – board mileage 96.60

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 960.33

Quill Corporation – office supplies 73.85

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 1,507.15

Theodore Rippen – board mileage 80.50

Scholastic Inc – library books 240.50

Scoop Media – ads/printing 222.22

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,529.18

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 445.00

Stamp Fulfillment Center – stamped envelopes 667.05

Tennant Sales & Service – building supply 98.90

Titan Machinery – bus parts/labor 1,022.03

Trails West – bus fuel 923.23

UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply 114.76

U.S. Bank – credit card 23.55

US Foods – custodial supply 593.78

Vanco – transaction fees 2.45

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 106.72

Village of Trenton – electric/water/sewage/trash 1,755.71

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 397.98

Payroll – net (gross - $200,315.17) 132,783.54

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 134.33

Cash-Wa Distributing 1,254.11

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 902.85

Culligan Water Condition – salt 38.80

Dean Foods – milk 1,238.31

Gary’s Super Foods – food 198.09

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 229.23

Hot Lunch fund – payment 4.71

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 167.72

Matrix Trust Co – annuity 45.25

HCS Retirement – retirement 870.22

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 53.33

U.S. Bank – credit card 54.99

US Foods – food/supply 2,836.46

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 22.35

Payroll – net (gross - $5,930.94) 4,502.56