The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School in Trenton. Present were board members Marks, Scott, Kolbet, Hagan, Rippen, and O’Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, D. Bohochik, D. Wimer, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 April 8, 2021.

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

President Scott welcomed visitors. There were no comments.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the March 2021 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $419,485.44 and lunch fund bills totaling $20,097.01. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to accept the resignation of Kate Acton at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the resignation of Lorri Grafel at the end of the 2020-2021 school year with thanks for years of service. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Hagan to approve a contract with Brooke Vetter as the agricultural teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Principal Tines presented a quote from SAVVAS for the English Language Arts curriculum for PreK through 6th grade. Mr. Tines stated that all elementary teachers were involved in the selection process. Mr. Tines then answered questions from the board members. Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to accept the proposal from SAVVAS for $49,030.76, to be paid for with ESSER II funds. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Hagan to rescind the motion to pay Snell Services for the elementary rooftop unit out of the depreciation fund; and to pay the invoice out of the general fund to be coded to the CRRSA ESSER II grant. The bill is for $11,852.00. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Mr. Sattler and Dave Wimer presented the board with a proposal from Bernie Jones Automotive for a Grasshopper Model 900D mower and a Grasshopper 533425 60 inch rotary broom. The current mower is coming up on 1000 engine hours. The current mower will be keep permanently at the elementary instead of having to haul it when needed. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to purchase a Grasshopper Model 900D mower and a Grasshopper 533425 rotary broom from Bernie Jones Automotive for $21,631.00 to be paid out of the depreciation fund. Aye moved Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to move into executive session at 7:25 PM to discuss personnel needs for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to move out of executive session at 7:49 PM. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) March 15th, Healthy Habits day for the 5th & 6th grades at the fairgrounds, put on by the Nebraska Extension Office. (2) Lions Club Screenings – March 16th. (3) Elementary Quiz Bowl – March 16th. (4) Because of You Award to Ashtyn Meguire on March 23rd. (5) March 29th – Elementary Quiz Bowl. (6) ACT testing at the high school – April 6th. (7) April 7th was the start of state testing. (8) April 9th was PreK and Kindergarten round ups. 20 children showed up for PreK and 16 for Kindergarten.

Assistant Principal McCarter’s report as follows: (1) The high school quiz bowl team won the ESU 15 meet and qualified for state quiz bowl. (2) Lions Club screening for all 7-12 students. (3) The junior high quiz bowl team competed in three quiz bowl placing 2nd at Maywood, 4th at ESU 15, and 5th at Southwest. (4) ACT testing has been finished. (5) The FFA had their state convention on zoom. The following students placed as follows: Ag Mechanics team (Matt Seeker, Bransen Schaffert, Garrett Mote, and Evan Warren) -2nd place; with Evan Warren placing 1st for the second year in a row, Matt and Bransen – purple ribbons, and Garrett Mote – blue ribbon. Agriscience – Kole Warren, Emma Carfield, Katie Jarecke – red ribbons. National Resources – Jordan Carfield, Aspen Teeter, Kylee McKlain – red ribbons; and Agronomy – Trent Kisker – white ribbon. (5) The green house will open to the public on April 24th. (6) April 16th – NCAS testing for the 7th & 8th grades. (7) April 17th – Prom. (8) April 23rd – District Music in Imperial. (8) April 24th – junior high dance. (9) April 27th – National Honor Society Inductions at 3 PM. (10) State Quiz Bowl – April 28th in Hastings. (11) May 6th – 6th grade orientation. (12) May 5th – school physicals. (13) May 5th - Spring concert. (13) May 13th – Honors Night at 6PM. (14) May 15th – Graduation. (15) May 18th PBIS Celebration at the lake. (16) May 19th – last day of school.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) ESSER II monies are now available. The school is receiving $212,000. (2) Mr. Sattler would like to have a board retreat before the May regular board meeting starts. (3) A report on breakout sessions during the NRCSA Conference. (4) A board member is needed to pass out diplomas at graduation.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM. The next board meeting will be held May 10, 2021 at 7:00 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

Acme Printing Co – office supply 135.00

Aflac – payroll deductions 419.21

AKRS Equipment – equipment parts 83.25

American Electric – building supplies 22.64

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,118.74

Amsterdam Printing – office supply 293.70

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 52,983.99

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 3,298.90

C&K Distributors – greenhouse repair 107.50

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 43,804.09

D&L Pest Control – pest control 120.00

Dans R Us – trash 165.25

Dell Marketing LP – Chromebooks 20,774.25

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supplies 519.00

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 6,751.09

Fastenal – building supplies 454.77

Follett School Solutions – library books 319.38

Great Plains Communications – phone bills 212.55

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 435.70

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,350.42

Credit Management Services – payroll deductions 16.77

Holiday Inn Kearney – NRCSA lodging 229.90

Hot Lunch fund – payments 960.84

HW Wilson Co – library book 295.00

Ideal Laundry – custodial supplies 570.74

J Distributing – shop supplies 578.28

Johnson Controls – control board 2,232.72

JW Pepper – music supply 141.99

Kansas City Audio Visual – interactive boards 45,344.10

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 99.63

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 125.80

MCI – long distance 50.44

Mead Lumber – custodial/building supplies 185.04

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,246.00

Mystery Science – web based software renewal 1,249.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 38,601.42

NE Child Support Payment Center – payroll deduction 516.00

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,205.77

NRCSA – Spring conference fees 210.00

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 53.33

O’Brien Electric – ballast replacement 66.50

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Austin Poppert – reimbursement 33.74

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 929.72

Quill Corporation – office supplies 202.14

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 1,624.75

rSchool Today – web based software renewal 300.00

Scantron Corp – support 150.00

Scholastic – library books 302.00

Scoop Media – printing 301.84

SHI International Corp – Google Chrome OS Licenses 1,120.00

Snell Service – rooftop unit 11,852.00

Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services 119.56

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,377.13

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 445.00

The Instrumentalist Awards – music awards 36.50

Trails West – bus fuel 866.83

UniFirst Corp – custodial supplies 114.76

Vanco – transaction fees 2.28

U.S. Bank – credit card 1,752.79

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 107.34

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,037.96

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 396.13

David Wimer – reimbursement 16.99

Payroll – net (gross - $205,916.62) 135,662.03

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 50.61

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supplies 6,571.17

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,224.25

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 102.54

Dean Foods – milk 1,832.71

Gary’s Super Foods – food 122.63

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 249.27

Hot Lunch fund – payment 3.56

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 167.70

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,370.62

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 121.78

School Nutrition Association – SNA dues 208.00

US Foods – food 2,901.61

Payroll – net (gross - $6,972.42) 5,170.56