The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met August 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School in Trenton. Present were board members Marks, Scott, Hagan, Kolbet, Rippen, and O’Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, D. Bohochik, several patrons, 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 east wall of the meeting room was given. The meeting was properly advertised in the Hitchcock County News on August 5, 2021.

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

President Scott welcomed all visitors and asked if there was anyone who wanted to address the board. Several patrons addressed the board concerning the second draft of the proposed NDE health standards and the critical race theory. The community would like to see the school board take a stand against adopting the proposed standard and the critical race theory.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the July 2021 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $302,338.77 and lunch fund bills totaling $281.52. (4) Other funds.

Ag teacher Ms. Vetter asked Mr. Sensel if he would come and inspect the welding machines. Mr. Sensel and a gentleman from Matheson Gas deemed a lot of the welding equipment outdated. Matheson Gas sent a quote for new equipment, totaling $10,678.53. Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to accept a proposal from Matheson for $10,678.53 for shop equipment to be paid for out of the Depreciation Reserve account. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a quote for a new 2021, 57 passenger activity coach bus from Master’s Transportation. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to accept a proposal from Master’s Transportation for $299,900 for an activity coach bus to be paid out of the Depreciation Reserve fund. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented a proposal from Simon Sprinkles for installation of a sprinkler system at the high school football field. The board had many questions and tabled the action item to the September 2021 regular board meeting until they are given the clarifications they are looking for.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve Superintendent Sattler as the Board’s representative for handling all local, state, and federal funds for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to approve Dave Wimer to complete school bus quarterly inspections for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a list of substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Rippen to waive board policy #5003 – Admission of Part-Time Students for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) July 15th – last day of JH/HS summer school at the elementary; (2) July 20th – school safety meeting with McCarter, Englott, and Sattler. (3) July 27th – Coaches Clinic in Lincoln. (4) July 28th & 29th – Administrator Days. (5) August 4th - RPAC Sponsor/Coaches meeting at Southwest HS. (6) August 9th – staff development/CPR & First Aid. (7) August 10th – CPR & First Aid/CPI training. (8) August 10th – elementary open house. (9) August 11th – teachers’ workday. (10) August 12th – first day of school; early dismissal.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) the recoating and repainting of the track is complete. (2) ESSER III request is due September 15th. (3) Met with the Hansen Foundation for a grant request. (4) NASB regional meeting is in North Platte on August 25th. Board members are to let Mr. Sattler know if they want to attend.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to move into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:22 PM. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to come out of executive session at 8:34 PM. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, Rippen, and Marks; nay votes none.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM. The next board meeting will be held September 13, 2021 at 6:50 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

2020 Technologies – contracted services 3,164.00

Acme Printing Co – letterhead 255.50

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,118.47

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 50,176.36

Bosselman Energy – bus fuel 86.14

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 36,184.32

Cornhusker International – bus repairs 2,039.36

D&L Pest Control – pest control 120.00

Dans R Us – trash 165.25

Demco, Inc – library supply 278.27

Diamond Vogel – paint/supplies 84.47

Eakes Office Solutions – copier usage/custodial supply 2,973.08

ESU #15 – contracted services 17,771.65

ESU Coordinating Council – site license 330.00

Farmers Coop – building/bus fuels 3,678.45

Follett School Solutions – library software 1,549.84

Frog Publications – classroom supply 121.00

Global Equipment – shop equipment 1,510.15

Great Plains Communications – phone/internet 857.80

Green Turf Lawn Care – treatments/sprinkler repairs 3,568.80

HCHS petty cash – reimbursements 1,525.33

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,350.42

Holiday Inn Kearney – Admin Days lodging 624.75

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Houghton Mifflin – Go Math materials 2,457.10

Ideal Laundry – custodial supplies 112.06

KSB School Law – legal services 148.00

Lakeshore Learning Materials – classroom/library supply 316.95

Laminating & Binding Solutions – classroom supply 47.66

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 78.70

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 109.00

MCI – long distance 66.46

Mead Lumber – building supply 92.26

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,176.00

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 31,853.31

NE Child Support Payment Center – payroll deduction 516.00

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 5,402.01

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deductions 53.33

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

ORC Direct – library /classroom supplies 235.34

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 929.72

Quill Corp – office supply 27.18

Really Good Stuff – classroom/library supplies 754.54

Rippen Oil – fuel/parts/repairs 1,576.29

Savvas Learning – classroom supply 121.23

School Health Corp – PE equipment 555.54

Scholastic – classroom supplies 1,669.40

School Mate – classroom/guidance supplies 1,075.00

School Specialty – classroom supplies 38.53

Scoop Media – printing 171.81

Snell Service – electric work 788.74

Southwest Public Power District – electric 2,999.66

Special Building fund – payroll deduction 220.00

Synergy 1 Group – Spelling Classroom 242.96

Teacher Direct – classroom supplies 558.36

The TV Teacher – classroom supply 158.63

Natalie Thiessen – reimbursement 86.55

Trails West – fuel 219.25

Trox – classroom supply 55.31

US Bank – credit card 770.61

US Foods – custodial supplies 1,102.36

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 1,392.50

Village of Trenton – utilities 4,197.49

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 384.83

Ward’s Science – classroom supplies 34.82

Payroll – net (gross - $162,177.23) 105,468.49

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food 147.55

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 9.70

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 62.10

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 7.38

Payroll – net (gross - $63.31) 54.79