The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met October 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High Schools. Present were board members Rippen, Kolbet, O’Byrne, and Hagan. Absent Scott and Marks. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, D. Bohochik, Matt Fisher from First National Capital Markets and Peggy Fyn.

Vice President Rippen 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.

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

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to approve the October 2020 regular board meeting agenda. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Vice President Rippen welcomed all visitors.

Moved by O’Byrne; seconded by Hagan to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the September 2020 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $339,480.93 and lunch fund bills totaling $23,509.59. (4) Other funds.

Vice President Rippen introduced Matt Fisher from First National Capital Markets to the board members. Mr. Fisher explained the timeline for the refinancing process, and answered all questions.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to adopt a resolution of the Board of Education of Hitchcock County School District 0070 (Hitchcock Community School System) in the State of Nebraska authorizing the early redemption of the district’s general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2016, in such amounts and from such maturities as shall be determined by the authorized officials of the district. Aye votes Kolbet, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by O’Byrne to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance by Hitchcock County School District 0070 (Hitchcock Community School System) in the State of Nebraska of its general obligation refunding bonds, Series 2020, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed four million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($4,750,000) for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the district; prescribing the form and details of such bonds; authorizing certain officials to determine the final aggregate principal amount, maturities, rates, redemption provisions, terms and other details of such bonds; imposing an ad valorem tax on all taxable property with the district to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and the interest on such bonds; designating the bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations; authorizing the sale and delivery of the bonds to the purchaser disclosure policies and procedures with respect to the bonds; authorizing certain actions and documents; and prescribing other matters relating thereto. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to accept the propane contract from Farmers Coop for $0.929 per gallon, pay as you go, for the elementary building in Culbertson for the 2020-2021 school year. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

The Negotiation Committee consisting of Scott, Kolbet, and Hagan will meet to prepare for 2021-2022 negotiations.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) School pictures were taken 9/21. (2) The elementary PBiS had a Zoom pep rally on 9/25. (3) Koby Hall was the “Because of You” winner. (4) The 4th, 5th, and 6th grades started a zoo trip fundraiser on 10/5. (5) The Kindergarten and 1st graders had a fire prevention day 10/8.

(6) Elementary staff flu shots were given on 10/13. (7) The elementary PBiS team has concessions at the football game 10/16. (8) Picture retakes are scheduled for 10/19.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) Parent/Teachers’ Conferences are coming up at the end of the nine weeks. (2) The board was presented with the Covid 19 update from the Governor’s directive health measure.

Vice President Rippen adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM. The next board meeting will be held November 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM. **Please note the time change for the winter months.** The agenda kept continuously current is available to the public for items of an emergency nature. The meeting is open to the public.

Ted Rippen – Vice President Casha O’Byrne - Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services 3,164.00

Aflac – payroll deductions 443.32

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,118.47

Arctic Glacier – ice 180.50

Bernie Jones Auto – mower parts 72.96

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 52,576.81

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 1,965.36

Cash-Wa Distributing – custodial supply 65.85

CEV Multimedia – annual license 800.00

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 45,886.00

D&L Pest Control – pest control 120.00

Dan’s R Us – trash 165.25

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supply 1,498.83

Employee Benefit fund – payroll deduction 334.95

ESU #16 – contracted services 203.68

Farmers Coop – bus/building fuels 3,941.54

Fastenal – filters 399.62

Great Plains Communications – phone bills/internet 1,417.24

Green Turf Lawn Care – services/repairs 1,572.50

HCS Educators Association – dues 440.00

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 1,119.27

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,350.42

Hometown Leasing – copiers 384.70

Hot lunch fund – payments 935.83

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply 637.92

IXL Learning – site license upgrade 90.00

Johnson Controls – services 281.10

Jostens – medals 47.70

Lakeshore Learning Materials – equipment 109.45

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 99.63

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 125.80

McCook Gazette – subscription 138.00

MCI – long distance 63.37

Menards – shop equipment/supplies 526.77

Matrix Trust Company – annuities 4,238.75

Midwest Alarm Services – service call 112.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 40,002.42

NE Safety Center – Level I driver training 100.00

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,506.80

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 53.33

Optum – FSA fees 350.00

Principal Life Insurance – disability 894.63

Quality Inn & Suites – external visit lodging 75.60

Quality Urgent Care – DOT physical 135.00

Quill Corporation – office/custodial supplies 390.27

Region V Elementary Principals – dues 60.00

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 4,108.61

Red Willow Animal Clinic – payroll deduction 25.26

Scoop Media – printing 193.44

Lori Smith – reimbursement 30.00

Southwest Public Power District – electric 3,955.16

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 445.00

Teacher Synergy – site license 600.00

Titan Machinery – bus repairs 5,183.15

Trails West – bus fuel/supply 1,131.37

CDI Computer Dealers – computer supply 344.00

UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply 104.04

Unitech – custodial supply 790.00

U.S. Bank – credit card 1,383.49

US Foods – custodial supply 473.26

Vanco – transaction fee 37.44

Verified First – DMV record 10.00

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 546.18

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,285.09

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 400.41

David Wimer – reimbursement 69.02

Zoro Tools – classroom supply 82.05

Payroll – net (gross - $213,757.41) 141,088.32

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 8,025.92

Aflac – payroll deductions 117.15

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,678.20

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 59.20

Dean Dairy – milk 2,440.69

Gary’s Super Foods – food 74.48

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement 1.97

Hot Lunch fund – payment 6.92

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 139.51

Matrix Trust Company – annuity 59.25

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,236.68

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 168.60

US Foods – food/supply 2,644.94

Vision Service Plan – payroll deduction 19.92

Payroll – net (gross - $8,836.00) 6,836.16