The Hitchcock County School Board of Education’s 2020-2021 public hearing on Americanism on December 14, 2020 was opened at 5:55 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Social Sciences teacher, Mr. Wagner reviewed with the board his classes and what he teaches in each one of them. To stay compliant with the Nebraska Department of Education, Mr. Wagner administers the U.S. Citizenship test to all grades, 7-12. There was no public comment. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:05 PM.

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met December 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School in Trenton. Present were board members Scott, Kolbet, Hagan, and Marks. Absent O’Byrne and Rippen. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Linnette Kisker from Bentley and Kisker, PC, D. Bohochik, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 Thursday, December 10, 2020.

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

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to approve the December 2020, regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes Scott, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed visitors. There were no comments.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Hagan to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the November 2020 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $340,647.96 and lunch fund bills totaling $21,601.44. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler introduce Linnette Kisker from Bentley and Kisker, PC to the board for a review of the 2019-2020 SY audit. Mrs. Kisker reviewed key items in the audit and answered all questions from the board members. Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to accept the 2019-2020 Hitchcock County Schools Audit Report as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Board members reviewed the Early Retirement Incentive Program board policy. No action was taken.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to give all school employees a $50 gift certificate from Gary’s Super Foods for Christmas. Aye votes Scott, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none. Board members wanted to show all staff how much they appreciate all the extra effort that has been given during Covid.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to move into executive session at 6:29 PM to discuss Superintendent Sattler’s annual evaluation. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to move out of executive session at 6:48 PM. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to extend Superintendent Sattler’s contract to the 2022-2023 school year, with a $3,000 increase in salary for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes Scott, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none. President Scott thanked and gave appreciation to Superintendent Sattler for all the work and handling of the current Covid crisis.

Committee report as follows: The negotiation committee met with a teacher representative prior to the regular board meeting. The teachers presented their proposal and the board countered with their proposal. The committee with meet in January prior to the regular board meeting.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) Mr. Tines thanked Mr. Sattler for all the guidance he has given him over the school year. (2) November 11th the elementary had a virtual Veterans’ Day Program. (3) The “Because of You” Award was presented to Brayden Schirmerhorn on November 23rd. (4) PBiS presented a virtual field trip – “The Science of Thanksgiving Dinner” from the UNL Lincoln Museum to the students on November 24th. (5) December 7th the elementary hosted the junior high boys’ basketball game. (6) December 15th will be the Lions Club Screening. (7) December 18th will be an early out and PBiS Christmas parties. (8) December 18th the virtual Christmas Concert will be uploaded on a link on the school website. (9) Teachers will have a school improvement review for an in-service on December 21st.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) The school bond refunding was finalized on December 10th. (2) The budget will have to be amended in January due to the refinancing of the school bond. (3) Covid updates. (4) The rooftop HVAC unit that supplies heat to the locker rooms at the elementary is down. Quotes are being taken for repairs and/or possible replacement of the unit. (5) The new activity bus is having a sensor replaced.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM. The next board meeting will be held January 11, 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

General Fund bills

2020 Technologies – contracted services 3,164.00

Aflac – payroll deductions 429.49

American Family Insurance Co – payroll deductions 2,118.47

Arctic Glacier – ice 72.20

Aussie Hydraulics – snowblade parts 654.50

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 52,846.48

Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuels 3,078.71

Cash-Wa Distributing – custodial supply 181.65

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 44,052.12

Culbertson Auto Body – body work 500.00

D&L Pest Control – pest control 120.00

Dans R Us – trash 330.50

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial/building supply 907.15

Ebsco Information Services – periodicals 196.01

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deduction 334.95

ESU #15 – contracted services 19,532.89

ESU #16 – contracted services 203.68

Farmers Coop – building/bus fuels 5,790.85

Fastenal – building supply 637.81

Follett School Solutions – library books 446.62

Great Plains Communications – phone bills/internet 1,418.27

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 346.31

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,350.42

Hometown Leasing – copiers 384.70

Hot Lunch fund – payments 953.81

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply 710.44

Jostens – office supply 55.84

JW Pepper – music supply 259.99

KSB School Law – legal services 75.00

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 99.63

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 125.80

MCI – long distance 50.04

Matrix Trust Company – annuities 4,253.94

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 38,651.34

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,176.96

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 53.33

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 894.63

Quill Corp – office/nurse supply 282.67

The Lampo Group – web based software 1,694.69

Red Willow County Clerk – election costs 100.00

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 2,360.75

Scoop Media – printing 258.31

Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services 156.10

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,632.44

Special Building Fund – payroll deductions 445.00

Staples – custodial supply 259.80

Natalie Thiessen – reimbursement 30.00

Trails West – bus fuel 858.65

UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply 114.76

Unitech – custodial supply 218.00

U.S. Bank – credit card 1,174.24

US Foods – custodial supply 700.64

Vanco – transaction fees 4.23

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 106.72

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,634.10

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 398.87

Yandas Music – music supply 247.77

Payroll – net (gross - $205,248.51) 135,361.69

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 130.98

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 2,981.69

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,513.72

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 68.40

Dean Foods – milk 2,312.74

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement 35.74

Hot Lunch fund – payment 7.09

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 167.72

Matrix Trust Company – annuity 62.06

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,073.38

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 144.97

Snell Service – repairs 545.88

US Foods – food/supply 6,174.46

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 21.46

Payroll – net (gross - $8,162.68) 6,361.15