The Hitchcock County School’s Board of Education 2022-2023 budget hearing on September 12, 2022 was opened at 6:50 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Board President Scott reviewed the budget document with the board members, with the General Fund totaling $3,934,343.00. There was no public comment or questions. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:57 PM.

Craig Scott, President Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

The 2022-2023 property tax request hearing for the Hitchcock County Schools was opened on September 12, 2022 at 6:58 PM. The request of 0.880963 per $100 of valuation for a total asking of $3,934,343.00; and of 0.107661 per $100 of valuation for a total asked of $480,808.00 for the Bond Fund was reviewed by the board. There was no public comment or questions. With no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Craig Scott, President Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met September 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Present were board members Scott, Kolbet, Rippen, O’Byrne, Hagan, and Marks. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, Principal Tines, N. Thiessen, J. Rahrs, 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 Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Hagan to approve the September 2022 regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed all visitors. There were no comments.

Moved Hagan; seconded by O’Byrne 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 August 2022 board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $556,182.04 and lunch fund bills totaling $24,405.87. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a letter from the Hitchcock County Educators Association. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to recognize the Hitchcock County Educators Association as the official bargaining unit for the 2023-2024 school year. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with propane bids: Bosselman Energy - $1.69 per gallon for a pay as you go contract; and Farmer’s Coop - $1.679 per gallon for prepaid propane. Both bids would run from October 1, 2022 through April 1, 2023. After much discussion it was moved by Scott; seconded by O’Byrne to accept a propane bid from Bosselman Energy at $1.69 per gallon pay as you go. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a list and photographs of surplus items from the shop. Moved by O’Byrne; seconded by Kolbet to approve Superintendent Sattler to sale for the best price, or dispose of the following items in accordance with board policy. 1) Radial arm saw; 2) exhaust pipe bender; 3) exhaust pipe cutter; 4) metal lathe; and 5) wood lathe. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Hitchcock County Educators Association representatives Mr. Rahrs and Mrs. Thiessen presented the board with an amended Appendix B of the 2022-2023 Negotiated Agreement. SkillsUSA was added to the assistant high school coach percentages. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Hagan to amend Appendix B of the negotiated agreement to include SkillsUSA. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Board of Hitchcock County Public Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of Hitchcock County Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: 3,934,343.00

Bond Fund: 480,808.00

1. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 7.88 percent.
2. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.964579 per $100 of assessed value.
3. Hitchcock County Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.988624 per $100 of assessed value.
4. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Hitchcock County Public Schools will increase or decrease last year’s budget by -7.2 percent.
5. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022

Motion by Rippen, seconded by Kolbet to adopt the Property Tax Request Resolution and to adopt the 2022-2023 proposed budget as presented and published. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne. Dated this 12th day of September, 2022

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to adopt the 2022-2023 budget. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: 1. 8/13 – installation of new playground equipment. A special thank you to S. Porter, A. Kolbet, M. Baker, and Mr. Tines for all the hard work. 2. 9/1 – the elementary hosted a JV volleyball triangular. 3. 9/10 – the elementary host one side of the Varsity Volleyball Tournament. 4. 9/14 – Mr. Porter will be trained on the new playground equipment. 5. 9/19 – school pictures. 6. 10/10 – there will be a ribbon cutting for the new playground equipment at 2 PM with a Blue Cross Blue Shield representative and local media. 7. 10/13 & 14 – MTSS training in Kearney. 8. Fall NSCAS Growth testing for grades 3-8 has been completed.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: 1. 9/7 – PBiS staff and team meeting. Staff had input on revising the Matrix and expectations. New posters will be made. 2. 9/19 – school pictures. 3. 9/21 – FFA will have a business tour in McCook and surrounding areas. 4. 9/26 – there will be an Education Quest Financial Aid Program for juniors and senior from 6:30-7:30 PM through Zoom in the DL room. 5. 9/28 – RPAC Student Council in McCook. 6. 9/30 – Parent/Teachers Conference 9 AM – 7 PM. 7. 10/13 & 14 – MRSS training in Kearney. 8. The shop students have been putting together park benches for the Trenton Park.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: 1. The shop classes will be building a new bathroom facility at the football field. It will be paid for out of the Special Building fund. 2. LED lights have been installed in the shop. These will be paid for out of the Special Building fund. 3. There will be a NASB area membership meeting in North Platte on September 20th starting at 5 PM. 4. Please let Mr. Sattler know if any board members would like to attend the annual NASB Conference in La Vista in November.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM. The next board meeting will be held October 10, 2022 at 7 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 3,322.20

McCook Act Hardware – grounds/custodial supply 329.69

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 1,886.21

Blick Art Materials – classroom supply 45.08

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 57,622.25

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 5,832.79

Bright Solutions for Dyslexia – textbooks 729.90

Community First Bank HSA – contributions 2,849.72

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 48,925.98

D&S Hardware – building supply 48.51

Dans R Us – trash 171.50

Eakes Office Solutions – copier usage/custodial supply 3,820.83

Employee Benefit fund – payroll deduction 354.85

ESU #16 – distance learning 23,000.00

ESU #5 – DL Spanish 35,468.00

ESU Coordinating Council – site license 330.00

Farmers Coop – fuel 1,282.20

Great Plains Communications – phone bill 776.23

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 640.48

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,255.85

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – payments 1,353.35

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 358.27

Innovative Office Solutions – office/classroom supplies 169.48

JourneyEd.com – software 2,299.90

JW Pepper – music supply 220.49

K-Log, Inc – desks 1,206.83

KSB School Law – legal services 58.00

LaQuinta Kearney – Admin Days lodging 1,244.55

Learning A-Z – web based software 228.00

Legal Shield – payroll deduction 65.78

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deduction 153.80

Matheson Tri-Gas – classroom supply 306.74

McCook Community College – books 384.00

McGraw-Hill – textbooks 16,777.61

MCI – long distance 77.89

Matrix Trust – annuities 4,467.50

Moorhous – grounds supply 15.12

NASB Alicap – district insurance 99,930.00

Nasco – classroom supply 170.10

National Art & School Supplies – classroom supply 501.41

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 42,572.56

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 7,094.79

NE Infinite Campus User Group – conference registration 70.00

Novus Glass – bus windshield 610.98

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 53.33

Tara Oberg – reimbursement 39.68

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

ORC Direct – classroom/library supplies 483.49

Pitsco Education – shop supply 1,026.00

Prairie States Communications – bus equipment 1,060.20

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 983.73

Pyramid School Products – classroom supply 70.83

Quill Corp – office supply/equipment 783.59

Really Good Stuff – classroom supply 54.99

Region V Elementary Principals – dues 60.00

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 4,031.40

S&S Worldwide – classroom supply 30.42

Savvas Learning Co – classroom textbooks 4,616.76

Scholastic – classroom supply 748.69

Scholastic Inc Book Club – library books 263.75

School Mate – guidance/office supplies 891.25

School Specialty – classroom supply 11.80

Scoop Media – ads/printing 1,118.87

Scripps National Spelling Bee – fees 182.50

Southwest Farm & Auto – bus/building supplies 1,210.91

Southwest Public Power Dist – electric 4,208.19

Special Building Fund – payroll deductions 820.00

Teacher Direct – classroom supply 110.70

Trails West – bus fuel 2,173.71

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 556.02

Transportation Accessories – bus supply 106.87

US Bank – credit card charges 3,637.39

US Foods – custodial supplies 189.68

Verified First – background checks 302.40

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 1,162.75

Village of Trenton – utilities/backflow testing 5,141.53

Vision Service Play – payroll deductions 462.99

David Wimer – reimbursements 51.98

Payroll – net (gross - $226,977.32) 149,964.84

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 10,978.14

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,321.96

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 98.42

Dundy County Hospital – payroll deduction 112.79

Gary’s Super Foods – food 46.97

Trevor Gray – reimbursement 127.70

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement 50.44

Hot Lunch fund – payment 1.80

Ideal Linen – kitchen supplies 231.89

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 1,416.93

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 125.11

Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hood system service 235.50

US Bank – credit card 174.12

US Foods – food/supply 3,872.46

Payroll – net (gross - $7,318.37) 5,611.64