

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met November 9, 2015 at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Baker, Kolbet, Scott, Marks, and Rippen. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, Bentley & Kisker PC, the Hitchcock County News, and Peggy Fyn.

Vice-President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Notice of the board's adherence to the Nebraska Open Meetings Law posted on the north wall of the meeting room was given.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to excuse Matson. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Scott to approve the November Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Vice-president Scott welcomed visitors.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the October 2015 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling \$302,662.13 and lunch fund bills totaling \$20,862.40. (4) Other funds.

Linnette Kisker of Bentley and Kisker PC reviewed the 2014-15 Auditors' Financial report and addressed all board members questions. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to accept the 2014-2015 financial audit. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple and Principal Kershaw presented the board with the Multi-Cultural Report. At the junior/senior high school the curriculum covers ethnic authors and scientists; business in other countries; foreign languages and foods; governments and geography of other countries. In the elementary the reading series integrates different cultures; multicultural units in current events; celebrations of cultural holidays; and cultural studies on Brain Pop.

Superintendent Apple reviewed 2014-2015 AQuESTT raw classification scores for Hitchcock County Schools. Scores are based on NeSA test scores. Final scores will be out in January 2016. Hitchcock County students have done very well.

Superintendent Apple has advertised on the Teach Nebraska website for a Vo-Ag teacher.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Marks to accept board policies 5043-5063, with the Wellness policy – 5050 being withheld, as presented. Aye votes Scott, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Kolbet for the Hitchcock County School District to deem the following property to be surplus and to sell the following listed property:

1. 2001 Peerless Boiler

Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Principal/AD Kershaw's report as follows: (1) The Booster Club/Lion's Club fundraiser for a student made over \$3000. (2) Mrs. Curl's class visited El Dorado Manor on October 30th to show their costumes and eat with the residents. (3) There was an 87% attendance at the elementary parent-teacher conferences. (4) A huge thank you to the Hitchcock County Schools Foundation, the Culbertson Bank, and Community First Bank for their monetary donations for the zoo field trip. (5) A letter of gratitude was read to the board members. (6) The Veterans Day program is to be held November 11th at 2 PM. (7) The zoo field trip will be November 12th & 13th. (8) Winter sports practices start November 16th. (9) RPAC One-Act is November 18th at Southwest High School. (10) There will be a 1:10 PM dismissal on November 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. (11) District One-Act will be November 30th in Holdrege. (12) The elementary Red Cross blood drive will be held December 4th.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) The NASB annual conference is November 18th – 20th in La Vista. (2) Mr. Apple will attend the AASA conference in February. (3) The Veterans Day program is scheduled for November

11th at 11:00 AM. (4) The One-Act play will be presented to the students on November 25th at the elementary before the early dismissal. (5) The Hitchcock County Schools Foundation is paying the SAC museum entry fees. (6) There will be a special board meeting November 30th at 6:00 PM with three different bond companies present. (7) The NASB Leadership workshop is December 2nd in North Platte.

Board member Rippen commended the Hitchcock County Schools cross country team on their season and qualifying for state. These girls approached the board in July for this sport and did a wonderful job representing the school.

Vice-President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM. The next board meeting will be held on December 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM, at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School. The agenda kept continuously current is available to the public in the school office during normal hours. The board may modify the agenda within 24 hours of the meeting for items of an emergency nature. The meeting is open to the public.

Craig Scott – Vice-President

Michael Baker – Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services	3,164.00
AR Solutions – payroll deduction	92.56
Aflac – payroll deduction	233.45
American Family Ins Co – payroll deduction	1,301.05
Ameritas Life Ins Corp – payroll deduction	346.75
Patricia Baker – reimbursement	55.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	38,402.96
C-Clear Ice – athletic supply	40.00
Choice Plumbing – services	122.00
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	521.44
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	40,136.44
Country Inn & Suites, Kearney – PLC lodging	249.00
D&L Pest Control – pest control	93.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
DJ Software – negotiation software	1,095.00
ESU #15 – contracted services/laminating	14,449.25
ESU #16 – contracted services	259.25
EZ Way Inc – handicap lift	3,658.00
Farmers Coop – bus/building fuel	3,567.34
Fastenal – bus part	11.20
Follett School Solutions – library books	658.97
Hauff Sporting Goods – athletic supply	192.00
William Hay – retucking	1,400.00
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements	1,009.67
HCS – payroll deduction	220.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,488.35
Hershberger Music – equipment repair	73.00
Credit Management Services – payroll deduction	124.61
Hot Lunch Fund – payroll deductions	1,740.10
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – classroom supply	25.80
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	134.54
Jostens – office supply	135.85
Legal Shield – payroll deductions	159.43
McGraw Hill – textbooks	73.71
MCI – long distance	86.10
MG Trust Co – annuities	3,164.54
NASB – State conference registration	478.00

Nebraska Air Filter – building supply	272.07
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	32,552.56
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	5,090.06
NWEA – Skill Navigator license	460.00
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	150.00
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	700.93
Quill Corp – office/guidance supply	133.99
R&W Repair – fuel/parts/labor	1,118.91
Rasmussen Mechanical Service – contracted services	9,492.00
Schamel’s Auto Supply – bus supply	30.08
Scoop Media – ads/printing/subscription	211.95
SOCS – web hosting services	1,900.00
Southwest Fertilizer – building/bus fuel	3,100.11
Southwest Public Power District – electric	2,664.25
Sycamore Leaf Solutions – site license	3,039.60
NE State Education Assoc – dues	1,304.05
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	652.36
Top Office – copiers	630.98
Trails West – bus fuel	1,915.91
Transportation Accessories – bus part	28.26
UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	123.52
U.S. Bank – credit card	1,087.85
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	106.76
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	3,146.25
Weathercraft Companies – roof repair	289.00
Western Nebraska Administrators – dues	100.00
Payroll – net (gross - \$174,166.42)	113,195.98

Lunch Fund bills

AR Solutions – payroll deduction	298.52
Cash-Wa Distributing – food	3,274.15
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	65.17
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	1,388.79
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	29.70
Dean Holding Co – milk	1,753.29
ESU #15 – laminating	.50
Peggy Fyn – reimbursement	11.98
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement	7.68
Hot Lunch Fund – payroll deduction	4.35
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	92.67
MG Trust Co – annuity	124.65
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	1,375.83
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	114.85
Schmicks Market – food	89.59
The Thompson Co – food/supply	7,209.97
Payroll – net (gross - \$7,158.86)	5,020.71