The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met February 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School in Trenton. Present were board members Kolbet, Hagan, Marks, Scott, Rippen, and O’Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, D. Bohochik, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, February 4, 2021.

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

President Scott welcomed visitors. There were no comments.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the January 2021 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $358,367.57 and lunch fund bills totaling $19,857.49. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Moved by Hagan; seconded by O’Byrne to adopt the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to extend FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) Leave for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to provide a waiver for the requirement of 85 elective credits and a total of 255 credits to receive a diploma of graduation for the senior class of 2021 due to unforeseen circumstances related to the Covid 19 pandemic. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Rippen to move into executive session at 6:19 PM to discuss 2021-2022 administrative salary for Principal Tines. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, and Rippen; nay votes none.

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

Moved by Rippen; seconded by O’Byrne to retain Principal Tines with a $4,000 increase for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

There was no principal report.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) The seconded stimulus payment for the school from the Federal government will be around $212,000. Superintendent Sattler explained to the board how the funds could be spent. (2) On February 18th thirty school employees will receive their second immunization for Covid 19. With so many employees receiving the shot there will be no school on February 19th as it will be difficult to find subs if the side effects are severe. (3) The school will be having late starts on Tuesday and Wednesday due to the extreme cold temperatures. (4) Legislative bill review.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM. The next board meeting will be held March 8, 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 Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services 3,164.00

Aflac – payroll deduction 419.21

Ambience Counseling Center – contracted services 1,350.00

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,118.47

Arctic Glacier USA – ice 25.27

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 53,001.43

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 5,438.93

Cash-Wa Distributing – custodial supply 86.90

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 45,273.06

Richard Cook – reimbursement 20.00

D&S Hardware – building supply 3.29

Dans R Us – trash 165.25

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial/office/copier usage 4,762.25

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deductions 334.95

ESU #15 – contracted services 19,532.89

ESU #16 – contracted services 203.68

Farmers Coop – bus/building fuels 6,804.27

Gary’s Inc – gift cards 150.00

Great Plains Communications – phone bills 210.27

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 897.06

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,350.42

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 7.49

Hitchcock County Treasurer – general election 345.20

Hometown Leasing – copiers 384.70

Hot Lunch fund – payments 942.32

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply 710.44

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 99.63

Mark’s Plumbing – building supply 28.61

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 125.80

McCook Gazette – ad 172.80

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,246.00

Midlands Toxicology – contracted DOT testing 550.00

NASB – 2021-2022 dues 3,580.00

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 39,206.06

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,407.20

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 53.33

Optum – FSA dues 150.00

Prairie States Communications – bus radios/labor 1,366.91

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 960.33

Quill Corp – office/guidance supplies 334.24

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 1,246.80

Sinner’s Paint – towing services 464.00

Snell Services – services 570.00

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1414.43

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 445.00

Titan Machinery – bus repairs 786.50

Trails West – bus fuel 1,440.39

Transportation Accessories – bus part 110.95

UniFirst Corp – custodial supplies 114.76

Unitech – custodial supplies 907.90

U.S. Bank – credit card charges 632.05

US Foods – custodial supplies 39.97

Vanco – transaction fees 1.23

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 106.72

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,209.41

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 396.13

Yandas Music – instrument repairs 80.00

Payroll – net (gross - $213,529.72) 142,418.67

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deduction 50.61

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supplies 5,400.64

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,217.79

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 20.40

Dean Foods – milk 2,628.38

Gary’s Inc – food 157.69

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 246.18

Hot Lunch fund – payment 3.98

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 167.72

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 1,365.51

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 120.12

University of Nebraska – Lincoln – ServSafe Course 25.00

US Foods – food/supply 3,297.65

Payroll – net (gross - $6,946.35) 5,155.82