The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met March 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School in Trenton. Present were board members Hagan, Marks, Scott, Rippen, and O’Byrne; absent Kolbet. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, F. Hyde, 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, March 4, 2021.

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

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

President Scott welcomed visitors. Mrs. Hyde addressed the board. President Scott thanked Mrs. Hyde for her comments.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen and Hagan; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the February 2021 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $362,585.74 and lunch fund bills totaling $16,142.86. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board members with a letter of resignation from the Ag teacher, Collin Swedberg. Moved by Hagan; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the resignation of Collin Swedberg at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by O’Byrne to approve the Nebraska Association of School Boards 2021-2022 membership fee of $3,580. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board members with a quote from KCAV for interactive panels to replace the interactive smart-boards at the high school. Mr. Sattler is applying for a grant to help pay for them. Moved by Marks; seconded by Rippen to accept the quote from Kansas City Audio-Visual for Clear Touch Interactive panels for $45,344.10. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board members with a maintenance proposal from Green Turf Lawn Care for fertilizer and weed control on the football fields and lawns at both sites. Moved by Hagan; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the maintenance proposal from Green Turf Lawn Care for $6,171.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye votes Hagan, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by O’Byrne; seconded by Hagan to move into executive session to discuss classified wages at 6:24 PM. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by O’Byrne to move out of executive session at 7:03 PM. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Hagan to increase the 2021-2022 classified wages as follows: up to a 10% increase for the cooks; up to a 5% increase for paras; up to a 4% increase for secretaries/bookkeeper, custodians, school nurse, and bus drivers; all at the discretion of Superintendent Sattler. Substitute teachers will increase to $135 per day. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Marks; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines report as follows: (1) Teacher development day was held February 11th. (2) The elementary hosted the RPAC speech meet February 17th with teachers monitoring the rooms. (3) Staff received the second round of Covid shots on February 18th. (4) February 25th was the “Because of You” dinner with Brody Hubl. (5) The elementary will start state testing on April 7th. (6) Elementary teachers continue to review ELA curriculums for the next school year. (7) March 15th will be the 5th & 6th grade Healthy Habits Day at the fairgrounds. (8) The Lions Club will do health screening on March 16th. (9) Pre-K & Kindergarten round ups will be held April 9th.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) Mr. Sattler thanked the board for letting the staff have the day off after the Covid shots. (2) March 2nd was a Zoom meeting with DHHS and state officials reviewing the latest guidelines. (3) Mr. Sattler attended a RPAC Superintendent meeting at the ESU. (4) 20/20 Technologies is going to update the WiFi system over the summer. (5) The NRCSA Spring Conference will be March 24th & 25th in Kearney.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM. The next board meeting will be held April 12, 2021 at 7:00 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 deductions 419.21

AKRS Equipment – grounds equipment parts 100.19

American Electric – building supply 70.73

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,118.47

Arctic Glacier USA – ice 72.20

Bentley & Kisker – auditor services 7,000.00

Bernie Jones – mower services 1,643.83

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 52,905.81

Bosselman Energy – bus/bldg fuels 4,793.72

Cash-Wa Distributing Co – custodial supply 488.35

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 42,344.77

Computer Informations Concepts – IC renewal 6,769.00

D&L Pest Control – pest control 120.00

D&S Hardware – building supply 56.49

Dans R Us – trash 165.25

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deduction 334.95

ESU #15 – contracted services 19,532.89

ESU #16 – contracted services 203.68

Farmers Coop – bus/bldg fuels 7,468.15

Fastenal – building supplies 449.57

Great Plains Communications – phone bills 212.55

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 459.81

HCS – payroll deduction 4.22

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,350.42

Credit Management Services – payroll deductions 433.24

Hometown Leasing – copiers 384.70

Hot Lunch fund – payroll deductions 688.20

HTMC – ads 100.00

Ideal Laundry – custodial supplies 478.55

Johnson Controls – boiler repairs 636.70

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 99.63

Lewis Motor Sports – winch 107.09

Thomas Lewis – reimbursement 16.35

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 125.80

MCI – long distance 50.20

Mead Lumber – building supply 23.23

Matrix Trust Company – annuities 4,246.00

Mid-American Research Chemical – custodial supply 287.57

NE State Fire Marshal Agency – boiler inspections 144.00

HCS Retirement – retirement 37,490.95

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 5,949.69

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 53.33

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Principal Life Insurance Co – disability 929.72

Quill Corp – office supplies 214.38

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 1,228.60

Rocky Mountain Air Solutions – shop supply 350.00

Scoop Media – ads/printing 297.99

Shoutpoint – messaging services 345.00

SOC – web hosting 1,900.00

Southwest Farm & Auto – bus supply 89.50

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,575.07

Sparqdata Solutions – negotiations software 1,560.00

Special Bldg fund – payroll deductions 445.00

Stamp Fulfillment Center – stamped envelopes 1,970.60

Titan Machinery – diagnostic/bus supply 358.16

Trails West – bus fuel 1,516.91

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 114.76

Unitech – custodial supply 294.50

US Bank – credit card charges 2,338.98

Vanco – transaction fee .70

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 105.79

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,467.34

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 396.13

Woodwind & Brasswind – music equipment 6,598.96

Yandas Music – equipment repairs 127.41

 Payroll – net (gross - $199,546.56) 133,646.65

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 50.61

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 3,927.64

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 992.86

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 59.20

Deans Food – milk 1,696.31

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 229.81

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 167.70

HCS Retirement – retirement 1,154.33

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 90.00

Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hood system services 185.00

US Foods – food/supply 3,209.47

Payroll – net (gross - $5,872.15) 4,379.93