The Hitchcock County School Board of Education’s Parental Involvement Policy hearing on July 12, 2021 was opened at 6:55 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Superintendent Sattler reviewed the policy with the board. There was no public comment. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:56 PM.

The Hitchcock County School Board of Education’s Title I Parental Involvement Policy hearing on July 12, 2021 was opened at 6:56 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Superintendent Sattler reviewed the policy with the board. There was no public comment. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:57 PM.

The Hitchcock County School Board of Education’s Student Fees hearing on July 12, 2021 was opened at 6:58 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior Senior High School in Trenton. Superintendent Sattler reviewed the policy with the board. There was no public comment. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:58 PM.

The Hitchcock County School Board of Education’s Acceptable Use Policy hearing on July 12, 2021 was opened at 6:58 PM. Superintendent Sattler reviewed the policy with the board. There was no public comment. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:59 PM.

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County School met July 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School in Trenton. Present were board members Scott, Kolbet, Hagan, Rippen, Marks, and O’Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, D. Bohochik, several patrons, 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 east wall of the meeting room was given. The meeting was properly advertised in the Hitchcock County News on July 8, 2021.

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

President Scott welcomed all visitors and asked if there was anyone wanted to address the board. Rita Fritsch voiced concerns about the proposed NDE health standards, the critical race theory, and mandatory masks in the school. President Scott thanked her.

Moved by 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 June 2021 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $498,583.08and lunch fund bills totaling $6,035.14. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with board policies that must be reviewed annually. The board policies are as follows: #5052 – Student Bullying; #6020 – Multicultural Education; #5001 – Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism; and #5050 – School Wellness.

President Scott asked Vicki Bauer to address the board on the proposed NDE health standards. The proposed standards are on the Nebraska Department of Education website. Wording in the proposal is extremely concerning and patrons don’t believe that ideological positions on human sexuality should be taught in the classroom. Mrs. Bauer asked the board to sign a resolution stating the district will not adopt the new health education standards. President Scott thanked Mrs. Bauer and asked if there were other comments from patrons. Several patrons addressed the board. Superintendent Sattler confirmed with the board that the school district does not have to adopt the standards.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to move into executive session at 7:48 PM to discuss the resolution to oppose the adoption of the proposed NDE Health Education Standards. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Rippen, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to move out of executive session at 8:05 PM. Aye votes Kolbet, Rippen, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Hagan to table the resolution to the August board meeting. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

The board then presented the patrons with a statement they drafted to address the proposed NDE Health Education Standards. Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to adopt the Statement of the Hitchcock County School Board addressing the proposed Nebraska Department of Education Health Education Standards. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none. The Statement is as follows:  **The Hitchcock County Schools’ Board of Education believes it is important to inform the patrons of the School District that the Board will not adopt or utilize health curriculum objectives that do not align with the communities’ values; therefore, no action will be taken to approve the Nebraska Department of Education’s draft health standards as currently written. It is the belief of the Board of Education that some of the standards found within the proposal are not appropriate for our students, their families, nor our communities. When the Nebraska Department of Education releases their revised health standards, the Hitchcock County Board of Education will review them to determine if the new version has addressed the concerns of the Hitchcock County Board of Education and the majority of the patrons of the School District. Until such time, the Hitchcock County Board of Education will make its own determination regarding the content of its health education curriculum. Signed: Craig Scott – President, Ted Rippen, Vice-President, Casha O’Byrne – Secretary, Aaron Kolbet – Treasurer, Larry Marks – member, and Bryan Hagan – member.**

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a formal proposal from Coach Masters for the purchase with financing of a coach bus. After much discussion the board instructed Mr. Sattler to check into other companies for comparability. No action by the board was taken at this time.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a proposal from Johnson Controls to upgrade the HVAC Metasys system. Mr. Sattler stated that ESSER monies could be used for the upgrade. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to approve the proposal from Johnson Controls for $19,805.00. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Mr. Rath would like to purchase a Shoot-A-Way basketball gun for $6,370.00. Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to approve the purchase of a Shoot-A-Way basketball gun utilizing the activity funds. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Rippen to move into executive session at 8:36 PM to discuss board policy #5003 – Admission of Part-Time Students. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to move out of executive session at 9:00 PM. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Committee reports as follows: The budget committee met before the regular board meeting to discuss the 2021-2022 budget. Superintendent Sattler has been working on the budget for the last month and presented it to the committee and asked for their input.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) June 16th – PBiS team Tier I training. (2) June 21st & 22nd – School Safety Zoom meetings. (3) PBiS Tier 2 Training. (4) June 24th – last day of summer school. Mr. Tines drove summer school students, Ms. Benson, and Mrs. Farr to the lake for a day of fun for the last day. There was an average of 20 summer school students each day. (5) June 29th – in-service scheduling with Mr. Sattler and Ms. McCarter. (6) June 30th – Cyber Security training in Kearney. Last day of summer lunch program. Mr. Tines would like to thank Mrs. Maaske and Mrs. Ebert for serving school lunches for the month of June. (7) July 1st – finished leveling shed on the playground with Mr. Poppert. (8) July 12th – school improvement meeting. (9) Gym siding painting is almost finished. (10) Mr. Schmitz is almost finished with the floors in the building. (11) Mrs. Ferneau is getting requisitioned supplies in and ready for the teachers.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) June 17th – PBiS team Tier I training. (2) June 21st & 22nd – Safety & Security meeting – writing of emergency operations plan with members of EMS, fire department, sheriff’s department, Mr. Sattler, Mr. Tines, Angie Englot, and Ms. McCarter. (3) June 23rd – PBiS team Tier 3 training. (4) June 30th – Safety & Security team meeting, working on plan with a goal of completion by August. (5) July 5th through 9th – high school student registration. (6) July 12th – school improvement meeting. (7) July 20th & 21st – team meeting to work on Emergency Operations Plan which will have to be presented to the school board. (8) July 28th, 29th, & 30th – Admin Days in Kearney. (9) August 9th @ 7:00 PM – 7th grade parent orientation. (10) August 10th @ 7:00 PM – 9th grade parent orientation. (11) Mrs. Lehr is finishing up Jr/Sr High summer school.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) ESSER III monies breakdown. (2) There may have to be a public meeting on ESSER III before the regular August board meeting. (3) The track resurfacing is almost complete. (4) a report on cyber security training.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM. The next board meeting will be held August 9, 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

Ambience Counseling Center – contracted services 1,256.25

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,118.47

b. dazzle, inc. – classroom supply 32.70

Bernie Jones Auto – mower servicing 124.31

Blick Art Materials – classroom supply 31.67

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 50,176.36

Bosselman Energy – building fuel 2,096.30

Cascade School Supplies – classroom supplies 19.28

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 38,522.33

D&L Pest Control – pest control 175.00

Dan’s R Us – trash 165.25

Depreciation Reserve fund – fund transfer 100,000.00

Diamond Vogel – paint supplies 1,213.16

Didax – classroom supply 75.22

Duraco Specialty Tapes – classroom supply 67.35

Eric Armin – classroom supply 27.49

Employee Benefit fund – fund transfer 10,000.00

ESU #16 – distance ed network 23,000.00

Farmers Coop – fuel/building fuel 5,017.54

Fastenal – building supply 232.52

Flinn Scientific – classroom supply 86.96

Follett School Solution – library books 437.55

Great Plains Communications – phone bills/internet 783.29

Harris School Solutions – maintenance license 5,085.63

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 841.64

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,350.42

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – fund transfer 20,000.00

Houghton Mifflin – classroom supply 145.64

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply 316.76

Innovative Office Solutions – classroom supplies 3,156.26

Jones School Supply Co – HAL supply 66.92

KSB School Law – policies 1,000.00

Lakeshore Learning Materials – classroom supplies 421.95

Learning A-Z – web based software 864.00

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 78.70

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 109.00

MCI – long distance 51.51

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,176.00

NASCO – classroom supplies 312.02

National Art & School Supplies – classroom supplies 860.33

NCSA – Admin Days fees 846.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 32,638.68

NE Child Support Payment Center – payroll deduction 516.00

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 5,875.65

Northwest Fire Extinguishers – inspections 380.00

NWEA – testing website 675.00

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 53.33

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Parco Scientific Co – classroom supplies 41.00

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 929.72

Pyramid School Products – classroom supplies 363.79

Quality Urgent Care – DOT physical 135.00

Quill Corporation – classroom/office supplies 1,029.70

Really Good Stuff – classroom supplies 185.75

Rippen Oil – fuel/parts/labor 869.06

Savvas Learning Co – ELS materials 779.70

Scantron Corp – score scanner maintenance renewal 312.00

School Health Corp – nurse supply 20.00

School Mate – classroom supply 418.50

School Specialty – classroom supplies 133.63

SHI International – computers 19,544.98

Shoutpoint, Inc – messaging service 345.00

Southwest Public Power District – electric 3,033.65

Special Building fund – payroll deduction 220.00

HCS SAF – fund transfer 30,000.00

Student Assurance Services – student insurance 537.00

Teacher Direct – classroom supplies 659.61

Teachers Discovery – classroom supplies 13.24

Teacher Synergy – web based curriculum 800.00

Teaching Strategies – online portfolios 250.95

The Library Store – library supply 93.47

Toledo Physical Education Supply – equipment 590.89

Trails West – fuel 489.68

Trend Enterprises – classroom supplies 44.96

Trox – tech supply 104.87

Unitech – custodial supplies 463.05

US Bank – credit card purchases 1,815.03

Village of Trenton – utilities 3,669.72

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 384.83

Ward’s Science – classroom supplies 28.32

Payroll – net (gross - $170,374.19) 111,090.16

Lunch Fund bills

Cash Wa Distributing – food/supply 380.03

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 640.40

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 39.05

DFA Dairy Brands – milk 491.81

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 126.57

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 171.96

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 822.81

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 42.05

Nick’s Distributing – kitchen supply 32.95

Payroll – net (gross - $4,185.69) 3,287.51