The Hitchcock County School Board of Education’s 2021-2022 budget hearing on September 13, 2021 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, with the General Fund totaling $3,813,131.00. There was no public comment or questions. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:52.

Craig Scott, President Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

The 2021-2022 property tax request hearing for the Hitchcock County Schools was opened on September 13, 2021 at 6:53 PM. The request of 0.921142 per $100 of valuation for a total asking of $3,818,131.00 for the General Fund; and of 0.1119491 per $100 of valuation for a total asking of $494,641.00 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 6:59 PM.

Craig Scott, President Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Present were board members O’Byrne, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Rippen, and Hagan. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, Principal Tines, D. Bohochik, S. Stiver, L. Caddick, V. Bauer, 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 September 9, 2021.

President Scott welcomed all visitors and asked if there was anyone who wanted to address the board. Mr. Tines introduced the two new elementary teachers – Lacy Caddick and Shaelin Stiver. The board thanked them for coming. Vicki Bauer addressed the board about remaining diligent in watching the state board of education’s agenda. She requested the board members to stand firm again the proposed health standards. She also asked the board to consider an at-large community curriculum committee to work with the board’s curriculum committee.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Hagan to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the August 2021 regular board meeting and the August 16, 2021 special board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $457,468.81 and lunch fund bills totaling $23,255.37. (4) Other funds.

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

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with propane proposals from Bosselman Energy (Southwest Fertilizer) for $1.59 per gallon pay as you go, and Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply for 15 cents per gallon off the going price per gallon pay as you go. Both proposals run from October 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022. Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to accept the proposal of $1.59 per gallon pay as you go from Bosselman Energy to service both the elementary and the secondary sites. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Marks; nay vote Kolbet. The motion passed 5 to 1.

Superintendent Sattler told the board members that Sargent Drilling had come to test and pull the water well pump at the football field in Trenton. Sargent Drilling will send a proposal for a pump and control box. The Village of Trenton lawyer is working on a lease agreement for the well. The board directed Mr. Sattler to advertise for more proposals for an underground sprinkler system at the football field. No action was taken on the motion to accept a proposal to install a sprinkler system at the football field.

Moved by Scott; seconded by O’Byrne to declare the 1996 Van Hool activity bus a surplus item and to accept a bid from Terry McCorkle for $4001.00 for the Van Hool; and to declare four (4) old welders surplus with 2 being disposed of and allowing Mr. Sattler to accept reasonable bids on the 2 remaining old welders. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; 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 2021-2022 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: 3,813,131.00

Bond Fund: 494,641.00

1. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 0.52 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 1.042045 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 1.040633 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 12.27 percent.
5. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2021

Motion by Scott, seconded by O’Byrne to adopt the Property Tax Request Resolution and to adopt the 2021-2022 proposed budget as presented and published. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne. Dated this 13th day of September, 2021

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) August 27th – first PBiS pep rally to announce the new student PBiS team. (2) August 30th – Tristan Keith was chosen the “Because of You” student. (3) August 31st – attended the ESU #15 Principal meeting. (4) September 1st – 5th & 6th grade students attended the State Fair. Thank you to Roger Kolbet for purchasing T-shirts for the outing. (5) September 3rd – Todd Weimers started 3rd grade STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). (6) September 11th – hosted part of the HCS volleyball tournament. (7) September 15th – ESU #15 In-service day in McCook.

Assistant Principal McCarter’s report as follows: (1) August 9th – 7th grade orientation. (2) August 10th – 9th grade orientation. (3) There are 20 students taking Spanish I and 19 students taking Spanish II over distance learning with a teacher out of ESU #5. (4) Nine students are taking dual credit College English, ten students are taking College Algebra and 1 student is taking Analytical Geometry. All tuition is being paid for by the Racine Miller Scholarship. (5) August 26th was a virtual Senior College Planning through Education Quest. (6) September 7th the FFA put on a Farm Safety Day for all JH/SH students. (7) September 10th was a virtual Financial Aid Webinar for seniors through Education Quest. (8) A tech person with the company the touch screens were bought from came into the classroom for any teachers who requested assistance to show different features of the screens.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) The new activity bus is in Kearney being wrapped and should be done in a week or two. (2) School wide enrollment is 308. (3) The FFA is taking eight students to the National Convention in Indianapolis, October 27th through 29th. (4) The auditors are coming September 16th & 17th. (5) The Industrial Arts position is being advertised on Teach Nebraska for the 2022-2023 school year.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. The next board meeting will be held October 11, 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

American Electric – building supply 68.44

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 1,903.31

Arctic Glacier – ice 58.86

Blick Art Materials – art supply 248.90

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 49,877.25

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 3,019.29

Bracker’s Good Earth Clays – art supplies 431.90

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 45,872.99

Community Hospital – CDL physical 166.75

D&L Pest Control – pest control 120.00

Dans R Us – trash 165.25

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supplies 709.08

Employee Benefit Fund - payroll deduction 344.69

Educational Service Unit #5 – DL Spanish 29,892.00

Farmers Coop – bus/building fuels 3,635.47

Gopher Sport – PE supply 140.28

Great Plains Communications – phone/internet 1,421.00

Halo Branded Solutions – guidance supplies 1,657.88

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 176.12

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,123.34

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – payments 541.19

Houghton Mifflin – Go Math 5,417.20

Jensen Publishing – periodical 44.00

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply 299.28

JW Pepper – music supply 113.00

Kansas City Audio-Visual – hardware 154.05

KSB School Law – legal fees 64.00

Lakeshore Learning Materials – classroom supplies 26.98

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 65.78

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll solutions 125.80

MCI – long distance 48.47

Matrix Trust Company – annuities 5,127.00

Midwest Alarm Services – fire alarm monitoring 337.68

NASB Alicap – insurance 85,198.00

NCSA – school law update 140.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 39,468.15

NE Department of Revenue – state tax 6,777.38

Northwest Fire Extinguished – extinguisher 96.50

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 53.33

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Pitsco Education – shop supply 839.20

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 795.02

Quality Urgent Care – DOT physicals 270.00

Quill Corporation – office/guidance/classroom supplies 932.59

Really Good Stuff – classroom supply 18.49

Renaissance Learning – AR/Star subscriptions 6,870.00

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 1,071.95

Savvas Learning – classroom supplies 2,734.18

School Specialty – classroom supply/equipment 183.60

Scoop Media – ads/printing 1,572.91

Southwest Farm & Auto Supply – bus supply 1.99

Southwest Public Power District - electric 3,936.27

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 520.00

Teacher Direct – classroom supply 378.12

The Ceramic Shop – art equipment 892.00

Trails West – fuel 1,456.09

Transportation Accessories – bus supply 149.53

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 114.76

US Bank – credit card 1,315.47

US Foods – custodial supply 140.12

Verified First – background checks 329.30

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 1,907.30

Village of Trenton – utilities 5,780.38

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 417.68

Payroll – net (gross - $207,257.80) 136,005.89

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 4,836.18

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,412.85

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 29.95

DFA Dairy Brands – milk 1,958.90

Gary’s Super Foods – food 188.30

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 64.88

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 261.10

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 118.00

Joanne Jones – payment reimbursement 263.90

Danielle McCauley – payment reimbursement 109.90

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,394.49

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 134.59

Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hood inspections 195.00

Snell Services – freezer repairs 349.55

Sysco Lincoln – kitchen supplies 453.21

US Foods – food/supply 5,449.64

Payroll – net (gross - $7,930.55) 6,034.93