The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met January 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School. Present were board members Kolbet, Scott, Marks, O’Byrne, and Hagan. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, Principal Tines, Dustin Webb, Chris Rippen, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 January 12, 2023.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to approve the January 2023 regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Scott recognized and welcomed all visitors. There were no comments.

Moved by Scott; seconded by O’Byrne to remove checks 31367, 31376, 31378, and 31389. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the December 2022 board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $375,554.17 and lunch fund bills totaling $14,207.76. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to approve check 31367 – Bryan Hagan. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none. Hagan abstained.

Moved by O’Byrne; seconded by Marks to approve check 31376 – Aaron Kolbet. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Hagan; nay votes none. Kolbet abstained.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to approve check 31378 – Larry Marks. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none. Marks abstained.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to approve check 31389 – Casha O’Byrne. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none. O’Byrne abstained.

Superintendent Sattler presented Dustin Webb with the Oath of Office. Mr. Webb signed the Oath of Office becoming Hitchcock County Schools’ newest board member. President Scott welcomed Webb to the board.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to elect Scott as board president. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and O’Byrne; nay votes none. Scott abstained.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to elect Hagan as board vice president. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Webb; nay votes none. Hagan abstained.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Marks to retain O’Byrne as secretary and Kolbet as Treasurer. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Webb, and Hagan; nay votes none. O’Byrne and Kolbet abstained.

President Scott appointed the following board members to the following committees.

Committee on American Civics: Kolbet, Hagan, and Marks

2024-2025 Negotiations Committee: Scott, Webb, and O’Byrne

Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee: Marks, Kolbet, and Webb

Budget Committee: Scott, Hagan, and Kolbet

President Scott chose to eliminate the Personnel Committee as anything with personnel is handled by the entire board.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board members with the Hitchcock County Schools Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), explaining the plan and answering all questions. Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to accept the Hitchcock County Schools Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with two quotes for bleacher replacements in the elementary gym. Heartland Seating for $86,723 and Crouch Recreation, Inc. for $102,710.00. Moved by Webb; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the proposal from Heartland Seating for $86,723 to be paid 50% out of the special building fund and 50% out of the depreciation reserve fund. Aye votes O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Committee report as follows: The negotiation committee consisting of Scott, Marks, and Kolbet met with the teachers negotiation team Rahrs and Thiessen. Scott reported that the two committees are getting closer to finalizing negotiations. They will meet again on January 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 1/13 – the NE state patrol had a presentation at ESU 15 on early childhood drug and safety that Tines and Caddick attended. (2) 1/26 – Fifth & sixth grades will attend Healthy Habits at the fairgrounds put on by the NE Extension office. (3) 2/1 – HCE is hosting the Hitchcock County and Hayes County joint spelling bee. (4) 2/8 – Elementary Quiz Bowl at Bartley.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) 1/4 – Career Fair at the High School. Businesses included Bureau of Reclamation, Choice Plumbing, Community First Bank, GTA Insurance, Impact Closet, Varsity Imagery, PA Nichol Viox, Bentley & Kisker CPA, Sure Point Ag Systems, and Trenton Ag Products. Students enjoyed the fair and it will become an annual event pulling in more businesses. (2) 1/10 FFA Career Event in McCook. (3) 1/11 – RPAC Quiz Bowl – HCS placed 2nd. (4) 1/12 – ASVAB Interp for sophomores and juniors. (5) 1/12 – 3 students attended the UNK Honor Band. (6) 1/16 – college classes began today – College English DL, College English online, Public Speaking online, Intro to Psychology, Applied Calculus, and Nursing Assistant. Ms. Oberg supervises all of the college classes. (6) 1/25 – RPAC Art Contest. (7) 1/20 – RPAC Wrestling at Barley. (8) RPAC Basketball. First round 1/21 at Benkelman. Second rounds – 1/23 & 1/24 at Trenton. Third rounds 1/26 & 1/27 at Paxton. Finals will be 1/28 at MCC in McCook.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) A total of five students left over the break and 1 student enrolled. (2) Legislative report.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM. The next board meeting will be held February 13, 2023 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 3,488.31

Aflac – payroll deductions 840.06

Ambience Counseling Services – contracted services 1,462.50

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 1,886.21

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 55,631.28

Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuels 17,682.24

Community First Bank HAS – payroll deduction 50.00

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 44,551.79

Dans R Us – trash 186.40

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supply 682.96

Employee Benefit fund – payroll deduction 243.69

ESU #15 – contracted services 26,535.04

ESU #16 – contracted services 210.51

Farmers Coop – bus fuel 792.86

Fastenal – building supply 352.69

First Central Bank HSA – HAS 3,103.25

Peggy Fyn – reimbursement 45.31

Gary’s Super Foods – gift certificates 3,400.00

Great Plains Communications – phone bills/internet 772.55

Green Turf Lawn Care – services 385.00

Bryan Hagan – board mileage 172.92

Hitchcock County Clerk – election costs 494.20

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 82.14

HCS – payroll deduction 8.47

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,155.85

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – charges 1,162.35

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 314.10

JW Pepper – music supply 86.00

Aaron Kolbet – board mileage 115.28

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 65.78

Larry Marks – board mileage 275.10

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 123.00

Matheson Tri-Gas – shop supply 271.32

MCI – long distance 49.78

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,235.50

Midwest Alarm Services – monitoring services 382.92

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 38,855.58

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,147.88

NRCSA – conference registration 210.00

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deductions 61.85

O’Brien Electric – building supply 132.60

Casha O’Byrne – board mileage 91.70

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 1,003.67

Quill Corporation – office supplies 376.56

Red Willow Co Clerk – election costs 100.00

Ribbons Galore – PE supply 62.95

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 1,822.35

Theodore Rippen – board mileage 100.87

Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales – bus repairs/labor 579.00

Scoop Media – ads/printing 121.58

Beverlee Singer – music supply 93.75

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,316.89

Sparqdata Solutions – negotiation software 1,716.00

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 727.19

Trails West – bus fuels 2,495.73

UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply 106.87

Unitech – custodial supply 874.50

U.S. Bank – credit card charges 1,307.40

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 125.63

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,362.38

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 462.99

Payroll – net (gross - $213,204.47) 142,459.51

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 257.92

CashWa Distributing – food/supply 6,526.91

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 920.39

Culligan – salt 255.00

Gary’s Super Foods – food 56.92

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 186.45

Ideal Linen – kitchen supply 156.18

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 1,061.00

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 62.01

US Foods – food 452.32

Payroll – net (gross - $5,803.08) 4,272.66