The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met March 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School. Present were board members Scott, Kolbet, Webb, O’Byrne, Marks, and Hagan. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, C. Rippen, 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 March 9. 2023.

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

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

Moved by Marks; seconded by O’Byrne to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Webb; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the February 2023 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $385,286.16 and lunch fund bills totaling $19,835.11. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to approve the 2023-2024 Nebraska Association of School Boards membership fees for $3,685.07. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to accept the resignation of elementary teacher Emily Pearson at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to hire Kelly Erickson as a K-6 Counselor and K-12 assistant principal. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to hire Amanda Horinek as an elementary teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, and to pay a one-time signing bonus of $3,000.00. Aye votes O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to move into executive session to discuss the 2023-2024 classified wages at 7:21 PM. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to move out of executive session at 8:03 PM. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Webb; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to accept 2023-2024 classified wages as presented by Superintendent Sattler. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to move into executive session to discuss and review personal needs for the 2023-2024 school year at 8:05 PM. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to move out of executive session at 8:23 PM. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 2/27 – ESU 15 Principal Meeting. (2) 2/14 – State Wrestling send-off. (3) 3/13-17 – Read Across America celebrations. (4) 3/16 – K-6 DEA presentation. (5) Students and teachers are preparing for the NSCAS State Testing in April.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) Seven students qualified for State Speech to be held in Kearney 3/17. (2) 3/23 & 24 – Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Spring Conference in Kearney. (3) Legislative bills review. (4) Bid for restrooms at the football field will be on the April regular board meeting agenda.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM. The next board meeting will be held **Tuesday**, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM. **Please note date change.**  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

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 1,886.21

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 57,862.08

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 14,119.30

Community First Bank HAS – payroll deduction 50.00

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 46,571.67

Dans R US – trash 186.40

Diamond Vogel, Inc – paint 27.12

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial/building supplies 1,182.30

Employee Benefit fund – payroll deductions 729.66

ESU #15 – contracted services 26,535.04

ESU #16 – contracted services 210.51

Farmers Coop – bus fuel 794.39

Follett Content Solutions – library books 1,161.28

Great Plains Communications – phone bills 775.47

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 870.49

HCS – payroll deductions 8.93

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,155.85

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – payroll deductions 1,846.85

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 293.68

Johnson Controls – repairs 655.60

KSB School Law – legal services 70.00

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 65.78

Levi Lucero – snow removal 300.00

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 123.00

MCI – long distance 49.39

Mead Lumber – building supply 135.29

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,235.50

NASB – membership dues 3,635.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 41,279.69

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,438.62

NE Safety & Fire Equipment – service call 2,982.50

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 53.33

O’Brien Electric – building supply/services 1,988.22

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 1,001.09

Quill Corp – office/classroom/guidance supplies 261.14

Rippen Oil – fuel/parts/labor 1,617.56

Ruggles Truck & Trailer – bus servicing 545.00

Scoop Media – ads/printing 281.87

Brooke Shirley – reimbursement 81.33

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,414.43

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 947.91

State Line Awards – plaque 80.33

Trails West – bus fuel 3,296.20

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 106.87

U.S. Bank – credit card 1,234.12

Verified First – driving record check 15.06

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 138.50

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,131.70

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 462.99

Yandas Music – equipment repairs 141.00

Payroll – net (gross - $223,602.21) 148,331.16

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 257.92

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 8,089.27

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,412.67

Culligan of McCook – salt 110.00

Gary’s Super Foods – food 43.91

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 71.78

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 277.63

Ideal Linen – kitchen supply 290.90

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,552.88

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 135.31

Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hood system checks 635.00

US Foods – food/supply 1,257.91

David Wimer – reimbursement 71.90

Payroll – net (gross - $7,899.55) 5,628.03