The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School. Present were board members Scott, Marks, Kolbet, Webb, and O’Byrne; absent Hagan. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Kelly Erickson, 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 April 6, 2023.

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

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

President Scott recognized and welcomed all visitors. Superintendent Sattler introduced Kelly Erickson. Mrs. Erickson will be a Pre-K through 12 Assistant Principal, Pre-K through 6 guidance counselor, and testing coordinator starting with the 2023-2024 school year. The board welcomed Mrs. Erickson to Hitchcock County Schools and are looking forward to working with her.

Moved by O’Byrne; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, and Kolbet; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the March 2023 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $418,165.60 and lunch fund bills totaling $18,860.23. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the resignation of Mary Cuellar, with thanks and gratitude for the many years of service to the school district, effective May 31, 2023. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the resignation of Nate Acton at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, with thanks for the years of service to the school district. Aye votes O’Byrne, Webb, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

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

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to hire Chad Brenning as a Skill Technical Science Teacher, FTE 0.625 (Architecture and Construction) for the 2023-2024 school year, and to pay a one-time signing bonus of $3,000.00. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Webb; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to approve a change in the classified handbook: Article3, Section 1; inclement weather to 10 days, effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a proposal from JJ Pratt for $27,310.00 to sand and refinish the elementary gym floor. Moved by O’Byrne; seconded by Kolbet to accept the proposal from JJ Pratt to sand and refinish the elementary gym floor for $27,310.00 to be paid out of the Depreciation Fund. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

The board and Mr. Sattler had a brief discussion of personnel needs for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Sattler informed the board members that he had an interview set for a possible music teacher.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) March 13th – 18th was Read Across America week and Mrs. Rick had several activities for students. (2) March 16th – DEA drug presentation. (3) March 24th – Kindergarten and Pre-School roundup for 2023-2024 students. Possible numbers are 25 for kindergarten and 14 for Pre-School. (4) April 4th – The elementary school quiz bowl team placed first at the ESU 15 quiz bowl. (5) April 5th – State testing started and will continue throughout the month.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) A review of legislative sessions concerning finance bills that involve public school funding.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM. The next board meeting will be held Monday, May 8, 2023 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 3,488.31

Aflac – payroll deductions 840.06

AKRS Equipment Solutions – parts 18.55

American Electric – building supplies 92.30

American Family Insurance Co – payroll deductions 1,886.21

Bentley & Kisker – auditing services 8,247.00

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 56,757.18

Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuels 14,057.41

Brick City Printing – classroom supply 136.38

Cash-Wa Distributing – custodial supply 99.60

Community First Bank HAS – payroll deduction 50.00

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 47,976.03

Computer Informations Concepts – student info system 8,024.00

Dans R Us – trash 186.40

Ron Daugherty – building supply 240.00

Diamond Vogel – paint 54.64

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supplies 1,480.01

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deduction 269.76

ESU 15 – contracted services 26,535.04

ESU 16 – contracted services 210.51

Farmers Coop – fuel/supply 1,081.13

Follett Content Solutions – library books 1,130.99

Great Plains Communications – phone bill 210.59

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 255.66

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,155.85

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – payroll deductions 1,771.05

HTMC – radio messages 156.00

HW Wilson – library book 295.00

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 521.72

Jones School Supply – AR awards 296.99

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 65.78

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 123.00

MCI – long distance 50.95

Matrix Trust Company – annuities 4,310.50

MPCC Student Accounts – college books 62.50

Mystery Science – web based software 1,395.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 41,571.23

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,588.01

New York Life – payroll deduction 103.36

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 1,025.03

Quill Corp – office supplies/furniture 628.78

Renaissance Learning – web based software 7,285.84

Ribbons Galore – PE supply 191.84

Rippen Oil – fuel/parts/labor 1,649.60

Scholastic Book Club – library books 224.72

School Specialty – classroom supply 60.60

Scoop Media – printing 9.23

Beverlee Singer – music supply 585.00

Southwest Farm & Auto – bus supply 110.41

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,213.63

Special Building Fund – payroll deductions 694.24

US Postal Service – stamped envelopes 2,258.00

Student Assurance Services – catastrophic student ins 537.00

The Instrumentalist Awards – music awards 40.50

Trafera – computers 8,910.00

Trails West – bus fuel 1,931.78

Transportation Accessories – bus parts 153.36

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 224.44

US Bank – credit card 1,780.96

Vent-A-Kiln Corp – kiln vent motor 402.98

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 132.30

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,385.84

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 462.99

Woodwind & Brasswind – music equipment 1,252.99

Yandas Music – equipment repairs 205.80

Payroll – net (gross - $227,028.65) 151,292.49

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 257.92

Terri Avery – reimbursement 8.30

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 7,489.64

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,357.67

Food Distribution Program – commodities 3.60

Gary’s Super Foods – food 88.72

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 43.89

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 281.30

Ideal Linen – kitchen supply 266.16

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,494.84

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 127.15

School Nutrition Association – dues 228.00

US Bank – credit card 298.00

US Foods – food 1,401.57

Payroll – net (gross - $7,711.04) 5,513.47