The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met October 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Present were board members Marks, Rippen, Kolbet, O’Byrne, and Hagan. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, J. Rahrs, B. Post, student council representatives T. Kisker and B. Hidy, and Peggy Fyn.

Vice-president Rippen 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 October 6, 2022.

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

Moved by Marks; seconded by Hagan to approve the October 2022 regular board meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Vice-president Rippen recognized and welcomed all visitors. There were no comments.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by O’Byrne to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Marks, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the September 2022 board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $449,979.10 and lunch fund bills totaling $20,608.16. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler reviewed NSCAS testing with the board members. It is a mandatory state assessment. Hitchcock County Schools tests in the fall, winter, and spring. The spring testing goes up to the Nebraska Department of Education. Grades 3 through 8 are tested. Mr. Sattler presented the board members with bar graphs of the spring 2022 testing results. Mr. Rahrs informed the board on the ACT given to juniors as part of the state assessment process. Mr. Rahrs teaches a pre-ACT course twice a week. Ms. McCarter explained to the board how the enrichment period uses IXL to help students in the areas they need help in. Mrs. Post gave information on the science scores of the 8th grade. They tested 6% above the state average. Hitchcock County Schools 8th graders tested in the top 10% of the state.

Board members reviewed the Early Retirement Policy #4037.5. The board decided to take no action on offering early retirement.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a quote for a 2023 Chevrolet Collins 28 passenger bus for $85,719.00 to replace a bus with over 175,000 miles on it. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Collins bus for $85,719.00 to be paid for out of the depreciation reserve account. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with an estimated proposal from Choice Plumbing to do plumbing and fixtures for the concession stand and new restrooms to be built at the football field/track. Mr. Haley and the construction class will build the bathrooms. Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to accept the estimated proposal from Choice Plumbing for $17,000, to be paid out of the special building fund. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

Mr. Sattler read Mr. Tines’ principal report: (1) 9/14 – Project FIT training. (2) 9/16 – Because of You winner was Justin Chancellor. (3) 9/22 – HCS Foundation meeting in Trenton. (4) 9/27 – the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program started. (5) 9/30 – Parent/Teachers Conferences had over 90% attendance at the elementary. (5) 10/4 – start of the elementary zoo trip fundraiser. (6) 10/5 – the fourth grade attended Kids Fitness Day in McCook. (7) 10/5 – there was a school improvement meeting at ESU 15. (8) 10/10 – Project Fit Ribbon cutting at the elementary. (9) 10/10-14 – homecoming week. (10) 10/13 – the Fire Prevention Smokehouse will be at the elementary for the kindergarten and first grades.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) 10/5 – Mr. Sattler, Mr. Rahrs, Mr. Tines, Mrs. Bohochik, and Ms. McCarter attended a School Improvement Workshop put on by the NDE at ESU #15. (2) Student Council members will be attending school board meetings. (3) 9/29 – Ten students attended the RPAC Student Council workshop in McCook. Students attended sessions on being leaders and leadership qualities. From those sessions they then created a project for this year’s council. (4) 9/30 – Parent/Teacher’s Conference had about an 87% attendance. (5) 10/9-14 Homecoming week – classes painted hay bales on main street; the booster club decorated hallways at the high school; the booster club had a hotdog feed and pep rally at the football field; there will be a pep rally Friday morning at 9 AM for the entire school; coronation will be after the football game on Friday; the dance will be Saturday with pictures at 6 PM and the dance from 7-11 PM. (6) 10/13-14 – MTSS Conference in Kearney. (7) 10/26-27 – Two day Crisis Training at the ESU. (8) 10/27 – ASVAB testing. (9) 10/28 – senior registration for second semester college classes. (10) 10/29 – junior high dance, 7-10 PM.

Mr. Sattler’s report as follows: (1) HCS has received the Geers grant. The money will be used for a new server. (2) The auditors have finished. (3) Parents/Teachers’ Conferences were well attended. (4) HCS passed their Alicap inspection.

Vice-president Rippen adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM. The next board meeting will be held November, 14, 2022 at 6 PM. The agenda kept continuously current is available to the public for items of an emergency nature. The meeting is open to the public.

Ted Rippen, Vice-president Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services 3,332.30

McCook Ace Hardware – shop equip/supply 307.49

Aflac – payroll deduction 976.73

American Family Ins Co – payroll deduction 1,886.21

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 56,885.47

Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuels 6,019.39

Cash-Wa Distributing Co – custodial supply 88.35

CEV Multimedia – Ag instructor license 850.00

Community First Bank HSA – payroll deduction 50.00

Coach Master’s – bus repairs 1,448.72

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 51,311.67

D&S Hardware – custodial/bldg equipment 233.76

Dans R Us – trash 171.50

Eakes Office Solutions – office/custodial supply 1,953.79

Ebsco Information Services – periodicals 139.78

Employee Benefit Fund – fund transfer/payroll deduct 20,374.81

ESU #16 – contracted services 210.51

Fairbank Equipment – building maintenance 615.94

Farmers Coop – bus fuel/supply 1,660.06

Fastenal – building supply 726.37

Follett Content Solutions – library books 1,712.13

Gopher Sport – PE supply 502.88

Great Plains Communications – phones/internet 776.02

Halo Branded Solutions – guidance supply 2,591.38

Hampton Inn Kearney – State IC conference lodging 318.00

Hitchcock Co Educators Assoc – dues 500.00

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 855.09

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,255.85

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – payroll deductions 2,104.20

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 664.33

JW Pepper – music supply 10.75

KSB School Law – legal services 203.00

LaQuinta Kearney – School Law conference lodging 119.00

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 65.78

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 139.80

McCook Gazette – subscription 138.00

McGraw-Hill – textbooks 190.26

MCI – long distance 46.23

Mead Lumber – shop supplies 777.72

Matrix Trust Company – annuities 4,485.50

NASB – state conference registration 398.00

NCSA – School Law Update conference 140.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 44,503.53

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 7,410.74

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 53.33

O’Brien Electric – services 1,970.16

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 989.19

Quality Urgent Care – DOT physical 135.00

Quill Corp – office supply 538.87

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 4,433.46

Scoop Media – ads/printing/subscription 103.18

Beverlee Singer – accompaniment 126.00

Southwest Farm & Auto – bus supply 93.00

Southwest Public Power Dist – electric 4,287.50

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 520.00

State Line Awards – plaque 37.71

HCS Student Activity Fund – fund transfer 40,000.00

Titan Machinery – bus diagnostic/repairs 1,023.13

Trails West – bus fuel 3,543.51

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 106.87

Unitech – custodial supply 137.50

US Bank – credit card 4,947.98

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 1,120.10

Village of Trenton – utilities 5,057.35

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 462.99

Loren Wagner – reimbursement 21.98

Woodwind Brasswind – instruments 2,489.83

York Elementary School – Early Childhood Summit 140.00

Payroll – net (gross - $239,662.14) 157,958.14

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 257.92

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 7,604.82

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,652.63

Culligan of McCook – salt 130.00

Gary’s Super Foods – food 27.35

Hot Lunch fund – payroll deduction 1.80

Ideal Linen – kitchen supply 172.07

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,736.07

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 171.56

HCS Student Activity fund – transaction fee reimbursement 84.61

US Bank – credit card 39.98

US Foods, Inc – food 2,005.27

Payroll – net (gross - $9,002.73) 6,724.08