President Scott opened the Committee on American Civics Hearing and Public Testimony, December 12, 2022 at 5:45 PM. Social Sciences teacher, Loren Wagner, addressed the board with information about the American Citizenship test that he gives to students. There was no public comment. President Scott declared the hearing closed at 5:49 PM.

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met December 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School. Present were board members Scott, Marks, Kolbet, Rippen, Hagan, and O’Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, Principal Tines, Lesa Tines., Diane Bohochik, Todd & Chris Rippen, board member elect Dustin Webb, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 December 8, 2022.

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

Scott 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 Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the November 2022 board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $379,962.02 and lunch fund bills totaling $23,074.55. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a letter of resignation from Patricia Baker effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Moved by Marks; seconded by Hagan to accept the resignation of Patricia Baker effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year with thanks and gratitude for the many years of service to the school. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by O’Byrne to give all school employees a gift certificate for $50 from Gary’s Super Foods as a Christmas gift. Ave votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to move into executive session at 6:07 PM to discuss the annual evaluation of Superintendent Sattler. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by O’Byrne to move out of executive session at 6:31 PM. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Hagan to extend Superintendent Sattler’s employment contract to the 2024-2025 school year. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to move into executive session at 6:33 PM to discuss personnel needs. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to move out of executive session at 6:43 PM. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

President Scott gave a committee report. The boards’ negotiation committee and the teacher representatives met before the regular board meeting. Both committees will be reviewing data and information.

President Scott also presented a plaque and recognized Ted Rippen for his years of service to the Hitchcock County Board of Education as his term comes to an end.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 11/18 – One Act public performance at the elementary. (2) The football team seniors walked through the halls of the elementary for cheers and high fives on their way to the state playoffs. (3) 11/30 – Southwest Dental did PreK through 6th grade dental screenings at the elementary. (4) 12/5 – The Lion’s Club did their screenings. (5) 12/8 – PreK-12th grade Christmas Concert at the elementary. (6) The elementary is starting winter NSCAS and MAP testing.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) 11/30 - Mrs. Thiessen took her art classes to McCook to view an art exhibit. (2) 12/5 – Lion’s Club screening. (3) 12/8 – Christmas concert. (4) 12/12 – FFA LDE at Curtis. (5) 12/13 – ASVAB interp for Sophomores and Juniors. (6) 12/16 – end of 2nd quarter/1st semester. (7) 12/16 PBiS Christmas Celebration. (8) 12/20 – Student Council Red Cross blood drive at the elementary. (9) ¼ - Career Fair at the high school for grades 8-12.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) A recap of speakers and breakout sessions at the NASB Conference in Omaha. (2) Two contractors are coming to the elementary next week to give bids on replacing the bleachers. (3) A huge thank you to Ted Rippen for eight years of service to the board of education.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM. The next board meeting will be held January 16, 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

2020 Technologies – contracted services 3,322.20

Aflac – payroll deductions 855.14

American Family Insurance Co – payroll deductions 1,886.21

Blick Art Materials – art supply 63.47

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 56,145.01

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 11,213.75

Community First Bank HAS – payroll deduction 50.00

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 47,661.99

Richard Cook – reimbursement 200.00

Dans R Us – trash 186.40

Dan St Romain Ed Consulting – PreK supply 89.00

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supply 1,698.69

Ebsco Information Services – periodicals 379.40

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deduction 364.83

ESU #15 – contracted services 26,773.51

ESU #16 – contracted services 260.51

Farmers Coop – bus fuel/supply 2,025.91

Foundation for Ed Services – annual web hosting 1,900.00

Follett Content Solutions – library books 1,280.98

Great Plains Comm – phone bills/internet 770.52

Harris School Solutions – tax forms 396.89

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 464.71

HCS Flex Account – contributions 1,255.85

Hilton Omaha – NASB Conf lodging 302.00

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch Fund – payments 1,789.60

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 402.24

Johnson Controls – controls check 1,528.00

JW Pepper – music supply 206.49

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 65.78

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 123.00

MCI – long distance 50.78

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,235.50

MPCC Student Accounts – E-book materials 125.00

National Art & School Supplies – office supplies 72.60

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 41,647.32

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,795.89

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 53.33

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 947.95

Quill Corp – office supplies 401.00

Rippen Oil – fuel/parts/labor 1,654.30

Scoop Media – printing 147.18

Bevelee Singer – music supply 558.75

Southwest Farm & Auto Supply – bus supply 32.08

Southwest Public Power Dist – electric 1,572.21

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 520.00

Trails West – bus fuel 3,973.37

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 106.87

US. Bank – credit card 1,504.52

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 235.84

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,847.04

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 462.99

Payroll – net (gross - $223,686.46) 147,814.01

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 257.92

Cash Wa Distributing – food/supply 11,342.44

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,389.99

Culligan of McCook – salt 42.50

Gary’s Super Foods – food/FFV 94.19

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement 289.89

Ideal Linen – kitchen supply 177.99

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,539.88

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 137.75

US Foods – food 1,824.89

Payroll – net (gross - $7,941.09) 5,977.09