The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met April 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Present were board members Scott, Marks, Kolbet, Webb, Hagan, and O’Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Assistant Principal-School Counselor McCarter, N. Thiessen, C. Rippen, J. Rahrs, 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 Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Webb to approve the April 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Webb; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed all visitors. Jesse McArthur addressed the board with concerns about favoritism in girls’ sports and academics. President Scott thanked Mr. McArthur.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, and Hagan; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following: (1) Minutes of the March 2024 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $407,060.91 and lunch fund bills totaling $20,467.45. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a letter of resignation from Adam Wright effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to accept the resignation of Adam Wright effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented a contract for Ashley Bogner as a teacher for junior high math and social sciences; and some high school math classes. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to hire Ashley Bogner as a JR/Sr High School teacher for the 2024-2025 school year and to pay a one-time signing bonus of $6,000.00. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Elementary Principal Tines presented a contract for Sara Frank as an elementary teacher. Moved by O’Byrne; seconded by Webb to hire Sara Frank as an elementary school teacher for the 2024-2025 school year and to pay a one-time signing bonus of $6,000.00. Aye votes O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to move into executive session to discuss personnel needs for the 2024-2025 school year at 7:18 PM. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to move out of executive session at 7:51 pm. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Webb; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 3/11 – Statewide Focus group on Zoom about NSCAS testing. (2) 3/22 – Preschool and Kindergarten Round-ups were held. 14 showed up for preschool and 20 showed up for kindergarten. (3) 4/3 – NSCAS testing started at the elementary with 5th and 6th grade ELA testing. (4) 4/8 – the HELP Club provided glasses for the elementary students to observe the eclipse. (5) 4/9 – students attend the elementary quiz bowl at Southwest.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) 3/19 – RPAC Band clinic at Hayes Center. (2) 3/19 – StuCo sponsored a blood drive at the high school. They met their goal! (3) 3/22 – Junior high students attend the first junior high speech contest at North Platte. (4) 3/26 – Junior High Quiz Bowl at Southwest. (5) 4/3-5 – State FFA in Lincoln. One junior high student, Claire Lashley participated in a speech contest. (6) 4/8 – National Honor Society induction. There were 11 inductees this year. (7) 4/9 – ACT testing for Juniors. (8) 4/13 – Junior High speech competition in Grand Island. (9) 4/3 – NDE had a Zoom on student suicide. (10) The high school has a new student in the junior class.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) A handout from NDE of school auditors. The search has been hard. (2) There will be an external team visit October 2nd and 3rd. (3) May 11th is graduation. (4) A handout concerning LB 1331.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM. The next board meeting will be held Monday, Mary 13, 2024 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 3,662.73

McCook Ace Hardware – grounds supply 210.84

Aflac – payroll deductions 546.95

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,301.91

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 59,699.48

Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuels 6,688.30

C&K Distributors – shop supply 70.16

Cash-Wa Distributing – custodial supply 28.25

CB Seamless Gutters & Construct – reimbursement 88.65

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 49,462.55

Crowne Plaza Kearney – NRCSA lodging 269.90

D&S Hardware – shop supply 19.18

Dans R Us – trash 200.75

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supply 1,492.77

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deduction 147.78

ESU #15 – contracted services 26,350.93

ESU #16 – contracted services 213.63

Farmers Coop – bus/building fuels 4,591.89

Fastenal – building supply 556.61

Follett Content Solutions – library books 1,059.63

Great Plains Communications – phone bills 783.11

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 1,076.57

HCS – payroll deduction 8.31

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,614.18

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 233.07

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch Fund – payroll deductions 1,717.75

Ideal Linen – custodial supplies 299.50

K-C Motor – building supply 291.90

KSB School Law – legal services 144.00

Lakeside Sand & Gravel – grounds supply 201.76

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 102.08

Lewis Piano Service – piano tuning 350.00

Magnetic Concepts – guidance fixture 536.32

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 137.00

MCI – long distance 49.77

Mead Lumber – shop/building supplies 532.00

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 5,039.00

Mid-American Research Chem – bldg supply 388.95

Midland Credit Management – payroll deduction 145.00

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 43,945.80

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,801.31

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 103.36

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Principal Life Ins – disability 1,117.32

Quill – classroom/office/tech supplies 395.66

Really Good Stuff – classroom supply 51.40

Renaissance Learning – web based software 6,184.00

Rippen Oil – fuel/parts/labor 4,020.65

Scantron Corp – scoring software 496.00

School Specialty – classroom supply 145.76

Scoop Media – printing 329.63

Sensel Welding – grounds supply 25.90

Beverlee Singer – reimbursement 15.95

Snell Services – services 2,647.13

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,469.50

Special Bldg Fund – payroll deduction 220.00

Stamp Fulfillment Center – stamped envelopes 2,051.50

Staples – classroom supplies 104.17

HCS SAF – tax reimbursement 11.89

Student Assurance Services – catastrophic ins 537.00

The Instrumentalist Awards – music awards 52.50

TKO Pest Control – pest control 200.00

Trails West – bus fuel 1,916.01

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 117.55

Unitech – building supply 642.00

US Bank – credit card 1,526.25

US Foods – custodial supply 148.34

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 168.40

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,290.59

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 438.00

Yandas Music – instrument repairs 49.00

Payroll – net (gross - $235,131.89) 156,783.79

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 9,591.34

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,471.74

Food Distribution Program – commodities 112.90

Gary’s Super Foods – food 15.54

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 228.00

Credit Management Services – payroll deductions 389.10

Ideal Linen – kitchen supply 126.87

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 1,288.54

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 127.82

US Foods – food 708.42

Payroll – net (gross - $8,394.80) 6,407.28