

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met March 14, 2016 at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Scott, Marks, Kolbet, Matson, Rippen, and Baker. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, the Hitchcock County News, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Notice of the board's adherence to the Nebraska Open Meetings Law posted on the north wall of the meeting room was given.

Moved by Matson; seconded by Baker to approve the March 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

There were no visitors.

Moved by Matson; seconded by Rippen to approve the consent agenda. Aye votes Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks. The consent agenda consisted of the following: (1) Minutes of the February 2016 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling \$392,478.91 and lunch fund bills totaling \$16,578.55. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Apple presented the board with a letter of resignation from Kindergarten teacher Kali Curl. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to accept Kali Curl's resignation at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Aye votes Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none. Superintendent Apple informed the board that the district is already advertising for the opening.

Superintendent Apple informed the board that part of the roof to be bid was under warranty and should not have been bid on. Mr. Apple recommended the board table the motion to give bidders the chance to rebid. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to table action on the roof bids for the lower gymnasium at the elementary site. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to approve summer Driver's Education rates of \$160 per eligible Hitchcock County Schools' student, contracted out to Ms. McCarter, with the school providing the vehicle and gas. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Matson; seconded by Scott to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as amended. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Kolbet to increase classified wages up to 5% for employees that make \$11.00 or more per hour and up to 8% for employees under \$11.00 per hour based on evaluations and the Superintendent's discretion. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Board member Rippen reported to the board about sessions he attended at the NASB legislative conference.

Principal/AD Kershaw's report as follows: (1) AD clinic report. (2) Congratulations to Wyatt Standiford for qualifying for state wrestling. (3) The peewee wrestlers hosted a meet at the high school on March 12th with 85 children in attendance. (4) A handout with spelling bee results of Hitchcock County students. Cassidy Kisker will attend the state spelling bee. (5) Results of the RPAC Speech Tournament. (6) There will be a high school volleyball fundraiser on April 30th. (7) Maap testing is being conducted at the elementary. (8) There are 28 students out for track and 10 students out for golf. (9) The 2016-17 football and volleyball schedules are completed and will be passed out at the next board meeting. (10) After school program pamphlets will be presented to board members at the next board meeting.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) The NRCSA Conference is March 17th & 18th. (2) Parent Teachers Conferences will be held March 15th & 17th from 4 to 8 PM. (3) A review of legislative bills affecting education was reported.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM. The next board meeting will be held on April 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM, at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School. The agenda kept continuously current is available to the public in the school office during normal hours. The board may modify the agenda within 24 hours of the meeting for items of an emergency nature. The meeting is open to the public.

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services	3,164.00
Aflac – payroll deductions	233.45
American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions	1,301.05
Ameritas Life Ins Corp – payroll deductions	346.75
Tom Anderson – snow removal	200.00
Michael Apple – mileage	210.60
Aussie Hydraulics – snowblade repairs	585.62
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	38,402.96
C-Clear Ice – ice	40.00
Colonial Life – payroll deductions	521.05
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	39,857.75
D&L Pest Control – pest control	97.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
Depreciation Reserve Fund – fund transfer	100,000.00
Diamond Vogel – paint	32.32
Eakes Office Solutions – board supply	11.56
ESU #15 – contracted services/laminating	13,982.00
Farmers Coop – building/bus fuel/parts/labor	5,319.81
Follett School Solutions – library books	62.97
Dean Friedel – mileage	80.49
Grafel Construction – snow removal	150.00
Graham Tire Kearney – bus tires	401.10
Great Plains Communications – phone bill	95.59
Keith Hall – mileage	183.60
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements	370.40
HCS – payroll deduction	220.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,488.35
Hershberger Music – music equipment	546.40
Hillside Perk – board expense	84.00
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	1,525.63
Scott Hoyt – mileage	97.20
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	85.74
Imperial Yost Farm Supply – parts	20.98
JMGR Financial – payroll deduction	41.81
J W Pepper – music supply	824.21
Legal Shield – payroll deductions	159.43
McCook Gazette – ads/printing	18.80
MG Trust Co – annuities	3,164.54
NASSP/NASC – Stuco dues	95.00
NASB – conference fee	90.00
NCSA – NASBO State Convention	220.00
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	32,839.92
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	5,002.44
Northern Agri-Services – waterwheel repairs	2,440.41
NRCSA – conference registration/superintendent search	3,297.52
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	200.00
Prairie States Communications – repeater repair	268.10
Haley Priebe – reimbursement	20.70
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	712.31
Quality Urgent Care – DOT physicals	289.00
Quill Corporation – office supply	99.98
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,592.07
Rasmussen Mechanical Services – boiler labor	3,751.00
Robert Sattler – mileage	108.00
Scoop Media – ads/printing	312.95
Snell Service – backflow testing	590.00
Southwest Fertilizer – bus/building fuel	4,375.66
Southwest Public Power District – electric	2,583.76
T & J Repair – bus parts/labor	215.82

NE State Education Assoc – dues	1,304.05
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	422.17
Top Office – copiers	501.18
Trails West – bus fuel	1,701.17
UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	123.52
U.S. Bank – credit card	302.86
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	94.73
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	2,530.86
Payroll – net (gross - \$171,788.69)	112,265.07

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply	3,225.29
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	65.56
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	965.24
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	73.68
Dean Holding Co – milk	1,376.95
Food Distribution Program – commodities	165.21
Hot Lunch Fund -	4.17
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	73.46
JMGR Financial – payroll deduction	141.13
MG Trust Co – annuities	76.00
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	1,041.68
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	65.61
Northwest First Extinguisher – hood inspections	174.50
Schmicks Market – food	185.61
Snell Service – freezer repairs	1,554.62
Jessica Teeter – reimbursement	5.00
The Thompson Co – food/supply	3,521.29
Payroll – net (\$5,299.13)	3,863.55