

The Hitchcock County School Board of Education's 2015-2016 budget hearing on September 14, 2015 was opened at 6:50 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Superintendent Apple reviewed the budget document with the board, with the General Fund totaling \$3,928,000.00. Superintendent Apple and President Matson addressed questions from the public. The hearing was declared closed by President Matson at 7:13 PM.

Gary Matson, President

Michael Baker, Secretary

The 2015-2016 property tax request hearing for the Hitchcock County Schools was opened on September 14, 2015 at 7:13 PM. The request of \$0.730647 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$3,300,000.00 for the General Fund; of \$0.121774 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$550,000.00 for the Bond Fund; and of \$0.017270 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$78,000.00 for the Special Building Fund was reviewed by the board. Superintendent Apple addressed questions from the public. With no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Gary Matson, President

Michael Baker, Secretary

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met September 14, 2015 at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Kolbet, Baker, Rippen, Matson, and Scott; Marks was absent. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, the Hitchcock County News, Peggy Fyn and a patron.

President Matson called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 Kolbet; seconded by Baker to excuse Marks. Aye votes Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Moved by Baker; seconded by Kolbet to approve the consent agenda. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the August 2015 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling \$385,923.62 and lunch fund bills totaling \$17,353.88. (4) Other funds.

Industrial Arts teacher, Mr. Poppert, addressed the board about two possible construction class projects at the football field/track. One is constructing a 16' x 24' storage shed to house football and track equipment. The other is constructing a new concession stand with bathrooms. The building and grounds committee will meet with Mr. Poppert at the possible site before the September 24<sup>th</sup> football game.

Moved by Baker/2<sup>nd</sup> Scott to adopt the property tax request resolution for Hitchcock County Schools, District #44-0070 with the General Fund levy of 0.730647, the Bond Fund levy of 0.121774, and the Special Building Fund levy of 0.017270. WHEREAS, public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests, for the 2015-2016 school fiscal year for the General Fund and Special Building Fund of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070. WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070 (hereinafter "the District") at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and, WHEREAS, the Board, provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons

in attendance at such Special Hearing; and, WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Request for said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2015-2016 school fiscal year. NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$3,300,000.00 for the 2015-2016 school fiscal year, and the Bond Fund K-12 should be, and hereby is set at \$550,000.00 for the 2015-2016 school fiscal year, and the Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$78,000.00 for the 2015-2016 school fiscal year. It is so moved by Baker and seconded by Scott this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015. Roll Call vote as follows: Craig Scott – yes, Gary Matson – yes, Mike Baker – yes, Aaron Kolbet – yes, Ted Rippen – yes, Larry Marks – absent. The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070, that the above Resolution was duly approved by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board. Michael Baker, Secretary

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to adopt the 2015-2016 budget as presented and published. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Scott to approve a November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> field trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and sponsors. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple presented the board with proposals from Trane and Rasmussen for HVAC service agreements. After discussion it was moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to approve a one year proposal with Rasmussen for \$9,492.00. Aye votes Kolbet, Scott, Matson, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple presented the board with quotes from Dinsdale, Harchelroad, and Wagner for 2016 Suburbans. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to purchase a 2016 Chevrolet Suburban from Wagner Chevrolet for \$41,205.00 with trade in. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to accept board policy 3003 – Bid Letting and Contracts as amended. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Kolbet to accept board policies 5001-5020. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple presented the list of Alicap insurance inspection findings for the board to review. There were a few minor corrections to be made.

Principal/A.D. Kershaw's report as follows: (1) Open house was held the night before the start of school. There was an 85% turn out. Students and parents enjoyed coming in the night before to meet teachers and tour their classrooms. (2) Lisa Payne was hired as the new assistant cook at the elementary. (3) Lions Club Screening was held September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A special thank you to LeeAnn Kollmorgen – school nurse, the Lions Club, and all the volunteers who helped. (4) School pictures were taken September 9<sup>th</sup>. Retakes will be September 30<sup>th</sup>. (5) A new drinking fountain purchased by the HCS Booster Club has been installed. (6) New signage on the outside of the building was purchased and installed by the HCS Booster Club. (7) Parent-Teachers Conferences will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. (8) There will be a school improvement workshop held in Kearney, October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. (9) Homecoming has been changed to the October 9<sup>th</sup> games against Medicine Valley. (10) The cross country team has been doing very well, placing second at the two meets they have attended.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) The NASB Conference is November 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is this week. Board members interested in attending need to let Mr. Apple know by Wednesday. (2) Roberta

Locher has been in touch with a company that will digitize old year books free of charge. Mrs. Locher is gathering yearbooks from the schools. (3) The negotiations committee will meet before the October board meeting. (4) Tommy Lewis and Melissa Dailey have been hired as bus drivers. (5) Language Arts NeSA testing will have changes. The Language Arts teachers will attend a workshop in Kearney to learn about these changes.

President Matson adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM. The next board meeting will be held on October 12, 2015 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.

Gary Matson – President

Michael Baker – Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services	3,164.00
Agile Sports Technologies – site licenses	1,200.00
American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions	1,301.05
Ameritas Life Ins Co – payroll deductions	346.75
Apple, Inc – computers/I-pads	2,914.00
Michael Apple – mileage	144.90
Awards Unlimited – trophies/plaques	169.70
Barnetts Do-it Center – building supply	19.49
Richard Bartholomae – tile removal	300.00
Blackboard, Inc – all-call program	628.78
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	38,402.98
Board of Regents & UNL – payroll deduction	141.94
C-Clear Ice – ice	75.00
Cengage Learning – textbooks	690.25
Choice Plumbing – services	1,192.00
CLS Fine Tuning – piano tuning	325.00
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	38,471.66
Community Hospital – DOT physicals	236.25
Culbertson Revolving Fund – reimbursement	203.33
D&L Pest Control – pest control	93.00
D&S Hardware – seeder rental	36.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
Diamond Vogel – building supply	99.34
ESU # 16 – distance learning contract	23,000.00
Farmers Coop – bus/building fuel	1,189.35
Frontier Home Medical – Sped equipment	218.40
Great Plains Communications – phone bill	48.38
Green Turf – sprinkler system	247.50
Hauff Sporting Goods – athletic supply	1,456.14
Hays Organ Service – equipment repair	405.00
Hitchcock Co Educators Association – dues	500.00
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements	1,108.41
HCS – payroll deduction	220.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,488.35
Hershberger Music – equipment repairs	937.10

Holiday Inn Kearney – conference lodging	299.85
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	966.25
Houghton Mifflin – classroom supply	58.80
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	38.55
Imperial Yost Farm Supply – mower belt	144.68
IXL Learning – site license upgrade	764.00
J W Pepper – music supply	309.99
K-C Motors – football lights	2,253.16
John Kershaw – reimbursement	203.28
Kildare Lumber – building supply	122.32
KSB School Law – legal services	846.66
Kugler – building supply	32.50
Lang Diesel – mower blades	133.20
LJA Construction – countertop/steam table install	1,192.00
Legal Shield – payroll deductions	125.53
Tommy Lewis – bus license	20.00
Lou’s Sporting Goods – athletic supply/equipment	275.83
McCook Gazette – ads	187.50
McCook Public Schools – RTI workshop	2,200.00
McGraw Hill – textbook	78.00
MCI – long distance	58.19
Wayne Merrill – bus licenses	65.00
MG Trust Co – annuities	3,114.54
MARC – custodial supply	606.95
Midlands Toxicology – drug/alcohol testing	683.50
Modern School Supplies – shop supply	302.01
Music in Motion – music supply	206.56
NASB Alicap – insurance	71,760.00
NASB – NE education law book	56.00
NATA – conference registration	200.00
NCSA – conference fees	190.00
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	30,880.95
NE Safety Center – bus driver class	150.00
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	4,813.42
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
Northwest Eval Association – Skills Navigator	460.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	100.00
Paxton/Patterson – shop equipment/supply	2,325.11
Pearson education – classroom supply	107.50
Phones Etc – phone wiring	662.99
Haley Priebe – reimbursement	10.38
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	734.39
Quill Corporation – office/classroom supply/equipment	182.95
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,176.04
Really Good Stuff – classroom supply	366.05
Scholastic – classroom supply	1,143.27
School Mate – guidance supply	754.50
School Nurse Supply – nursing supply	444.42
Scoop Media – ads/printing	51.55
Snell Service – condenser repair	1,762.55
Southwest Fertilizer – bus fuel	276.67
Southwest Public Power District – electric/fb lights	4,218.26

Susie's Creative Stitches – flags	50.00
T and J Repair – bus supply	36.00
NE State Ed Association – dues	1,305.10
Teaching Strategies – classroom supply	209.00
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	471.52
Top Office – copiers	432.68
Trails West – bus fuel	995.09
UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	109.52
Unitech – custodial supply	450.00
University of Oregon – SWIS licenses	600.00
U.S. Bank – credit card	5,598.63
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	202.80
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	3,394.43
Virco, Inc – chairs	774.30
Spelling City – site licenses	105.90
Weathercraft Co – roof repair	419.20
Payroll – net (gross - \$170,350.21)	111,043.57

#### Lunch Fund bills

Shawn Adams – lunch refund	10.35
Karen Arp – lunch refund	6.10
Dale Brunswick – lunch refund	3.30
Christine Burns – lunch refund	1.70
Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply	4,244.00
Community First Bank – FICA/taxes	887.24
Culbertson Revolving Fund – reimbursement	16.53
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	76.06
Dean Holding Co – milk	1,557.39
Tami Eyl – lunch refund	16.50
Food Distribution Program – commodities	334.58
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement	72.68
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bill	4.50
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	52.33
Pat Ed Lewis – lunch refund	7.50
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	943.42
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	56.43
Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hood inspections	160.00
Schmicks Market – food	201.65
The Thompson Co – food/supply	5,141.55
Karl Wickizer – lunch refund	2.70
Payroll – net (gross - \$4,836.87)	3,789.37