

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met January 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Kolbet, Baker, Rippen, Scott, Marks, and Matson. Also present were Superintendent Apple, the Hitchcock County News, Peggy Fyn, and several patrons.

Vice-president Matson 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 Baker; seconded by Kolbet to approve the January, 2015 regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Vice-president Matson welcomed visitors. Shane Rippen addressed the board.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Marks to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Matson. Scott and Rippen abstained. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the December regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling \$293,740.43 and lunch fund bills totaling \$11,519.81. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Apple administered the oath of office to new board members Scott and Rippen.

Superintendent Apple asked for nominations for board president. Rippen nominated Kolbet. Kolbet declined. Baker nominated Matson. Kolbet closed nominations for president; seconded by Rippen. Roll call was taken for Matson for president. Aye votes Scott, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks. Matson abstained. Matson was elected board president 5-0.

President Matson took over election of officers. Matson asked for nominations for board vice-president. Kolbet nominated Baker. Rippen nominated Scott. Scott closed nominations for vice-president; seconded by Marks. Secret ballot count 3-3. Baker declined the office. Scott was elected board vice-president.

President Matson asked for nominations for board secretary. Kolbet nominated Baker. Rippen closed nominations for secretary; seconded by Scott. Roll call was taken for Baker for secretary. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Matson, and Scott. Baker was elected secretary 6-0.

President Matson asked for nominations for board treasurer. Baker nominated Kolbet. Rippen closed nominations for treasurer; seconded by Baker. Roll call was taken for Kolbet for treasurer. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, and Rippen. Kolbet was elected treasurer 6-0.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to recognize the Hitchcock County Educators Association as the official bargaining unit for the 2016-2017 school year. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to approve Distance Education Services with ESU 16 for \$23,000 for the 2015-2016 school year. Aye votes Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Scott to approve board policies 1000's – Policy Overview and Mission Statement. Aye votes Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple informed the board he was notified the school law attorneys are leaving Harding & Shultz to form their own law firm, KSB. A letter was sent from Harding & Shultz asking where the school district wants their records held. Superintendent Apple recommended the board move to KSB with the current lawyers. After much discussion by the board it was moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to table the selection of a law firm to the February regular board meeting. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Rippen, Marks, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Board members Scott and Rippen gave a report to the board on the NASB's new board member workshop they attended in December. The workshop reviewed basic procedures, expectations, state laws and statutes. They were told it's important to have a good set of policies and to follow them. They were told how to handle different situations and how to go through the proper channels.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) The Lion's Club health screening was today, January 12th, at both buildings. A big thank you to the Lion's Club for sponsoring this each year. (2) Mr. Apple is still inquiring into different possibilities for our FFA program. (3) The roof on the south building at the junior/senior high school has been leaking as the snow melts. The roof is out of warranty. Weathercraft estimated \$2,500 to patch, and recommended a new roof to fix the problem. Mr. Apple is gathering bids. (4) Mr. Apple is making inquiries into camera surveillance systems for the hallways at the junior/senior high school. (5) The NASB Legislative Issues Conference is January 25th & 26th in Lincoln. Any board member interested in attending needs to let Mr. Apple know as soon as possible. (6) The wrestling booster club is raising money to purchase new mats for the wrestling program. The school has already received a check for \$500 from the Farmers State Bank in Trenton.

President Matson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM. The next board meeting will be held on February 9, 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 business 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
Aflac – payroll deductions	233.45
American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions	1,054.87
Ameritas Life Ins Corp – payroll deductions	357.45
Aussie Hydraulics – snow blower repairs	272.40
Michael Baker – board mileage	40.68
Bentley & Kisker – audit services	5,000.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	37,109.24
Board of Regents & UNL – payroll deduction	602.36
C-Clear Ice – ice	45.00
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	506.78
Conference Technologies – software	1,539.00
Cornhusker State Industries – office furniture	620.00
Country Inn & Suites – workshop lodging	83.00
Culbertson Auto Body – bus parts/labor	1,109.28
D&L Pest Control – pest control	103.00
Eakes Office Solutions – office supply	123.97
Electric Specialties – fire alarm monitoring	300.00
eSpecial Needs – Sped supply	28.90
ESU #15 – contracted services/workshop	13,635.63
ESU #16 – contracted services	354.76
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	36,467.25
Farmers Coop – building/bus fuels	3,863.09
Larry Ferguson – board mileage	257.64
Follett School Solutions – library books	813.75
Harding & Shultz – policy service charge	791.67
Harris School Solutions – tax forms	259.86
Hitchcock County Clerk – election costs	596.48
HCHS Petty Cash – Walmart bill	310.00
HCS – payroll deductions	420.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,246.66
Hitchcock County Treasurer – rental real estate taxes	947.48
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	1,218.20
Houghton Mifflin – Sped textbooks	110.59

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	43.27
Theron Jarecke – board mileage	149.16
J.C. Christensen – payroll deduction	67.36
Jostens Inc – diplomas	144.69
Kildare Lumber – building supply	450.95
Aaron Kolbet – board mileage	90.40
Lakeside Sand & Gravel – parking lot gravel	1,245.48
Legal Shield – payroll deduction	164.38
Lord’s Inc – equipment	450.00
Lou’s Sporting Goods – athletic equipment	575.00
Larry Marks – board mileage	284.76
Gary Matson – board mileage	54.25
McCook Public Schools – Sped services	4,644.00
MCI Communications Services – long distance	77.73
MG Trust Co – annuities	2,033.61
NE Department of Education – workshop	200.00
NE Association of School Boards – law books	98.00
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	29,794.21
NE Safety Center – level I course	150.00
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	4,600.17
CHI Health – JH baseline concussion testing	120.00
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
Orscheln Farm & Home – building supply	11.96
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	658.16
Quill Corp – office supply	25.95
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,665.49
Red Willow Co Clerk – election costs	50.00
Schamel’s Auto Supply – bus parts	9.49
Craig Schmitz – reimbursement	35.34
School Specialty – Sped equipment	170.66
Scoop Media – ads/printing	152.09
Snell Service – vaporizer repairs	2,735.01
Southwest Fertilizer – bus/building fuel	8,950.30
Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services	105.00
Southwest Public Power District – electric	2,678.99
T and J Repair – bus part	14.00
NE State Education Association – dues	1,197.00
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	529.36
Top Office – copiers/usage	3,773.68
Trails West – bus fuel	1,305.87
Transportation Accessories Co – bus parts	221.53
UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply	109.52
U.S. Bank – credit card	3,388.40
Village of Culberson – water/sewage	72.43
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	1,894.00
Payroll – net (gross - \$159,685.62)	104,890.34

Lunch Fund bill

Cash-Wa Distributing – food	2,770.00
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	285.69
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	30.00
Dean Holding Co – milk	1,223.42
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	711.42
Food Distribution – commodities	439.45
Credit Management Services – payroll deduction	25.86

Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bill	3.00
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	83.15
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	815.24
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	33.07
Schmicks Market – food	76.51
The Thompson Co – food/supply	1,928.00
Payroll – net (gross - \$4,248.98)	3,095.00