

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met February 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Scott, Matson, Kolbet, Rippen, and Baker. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, The Hitchcock County News, Peggy Fyn, and two patrons.

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 Kolbet; seconded by Baker to excuse Marks. Aye votes Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to approve the February 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Scott, Matson, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

President Matson welcomed visitors.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Scott to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the January 2015 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling \$298,689.29 and lunch fund bills totaling \$18,503.75. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Apple presented the board with two options for the 2015-2016 school calendar. One option had fewer days for Christmas break, making those days at different times later on the calendar. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to approve option 1 (shorter Christmas break) of the 2015-2016 school calendar. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple presented a new school mission statement to the board. "The mission of Hitchcock County School District is to produce creative, adaptable, productive citizens committed to life-long learning." Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to approve the revision of board policy 1003, Mission Statement. Aye votes Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to table board policies, 2000's to the March 2015 board meeting. Aye votes Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Baker to approve KBS School Law to house Hitchcock County Schools' legal records. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple presented an updated crisis plan to the board. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Scott to adopt the Hitchcock County Schools' Crisis Plan. Aye votes Kolbet, Scott, Matson, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple informed the board that he would be publishing RFP's to advertise for bids for updating the infrastructure of the wireless network and devices. E-Rate funds will pay for the majority of the cost.

Superintendent Apple informed the board that he only received one response from the conference schools after sending out an email to all superintendents in the conference asking if Hitchcock County could share an FFA program either through a shared teacher or distance learning. Mr. Apple also called colleges in Nebraska and Kansas inquiring about students majoring in the FFA program, in which he was informed that there are very few. Mr. Apple also suggested a current teacher getting a possible endorsement to teach the FFA program. The board asked Mr. Apple to follow up on the single conference school that may be interested in sharing a teacher.

Principal Kershaw's report as follows: (1) Mr. Kershaw thanked the board for allowing him, and Miss Upton, to attend the National Title I Conference to accept the National Title I Distinguished School award given to Hitchcock County Schools. Mr. Kershaw and Miss Upton attended several sessions on poverty, social support, and school improvement. Hitchcock County Schools received a banner to display and "distinguished school" buttons to hand out to personnel. (2) The RPAC Speech meet will be held at the elementary on 2/18. There will be no school that day. (3) There will be no school 2/19 and 2/20. (4) The spelling bee will be held 2/25 at Hayes Center at 1 PM. (5) There will

be no school 3/12 and 3/13. (6) Parent-Teachers Conferences are to be held 3/17 and 3/19 from 4 PM – 8 PM at both sites. (4) District wrestling is 2/13 and 2/14 in Hemingford.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) Mr. Apple sent an email to Governor Ricketts office to inquire into the Governor coming to a celebration for the Title I Distinguished School award. (2) An external evaluation team is coming in March. Schools are evaluated every five years. (3) Mr. Apple attended a legislative meeting in Lincoln on 1/18. He updated the board on school related bills before the legislature. (4) Mr. Apple thanked the booster club for the TV in the commons area, and for applying for free DirecTV service and installing the dish. (5) Mr. Apple will be attending the National AASA convention 2/24 through 2/28.

President Matson adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM. The next board meeting will be held on March 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
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	37,109.24
Board of Regents & UNL – payroll deduction	602.36
Carlex – classroom supply	47.40
C-Clear Ice LLC – ice	40.00
Coach Master's, Inc – bus parts	386.51
Colonial Life – payroll deductions	506.78
D&L Pest Control – pest control	93.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
ESU #15 – contracted services	13,099.63
ESU #16 – contracted services	324.76
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	36,633.58
Farmers Coop – building/bus fuel, parts, labor	10,331.05
Fastenal – snow blower parts	9.26
First State Bank – lease purchase payment	10,543.98
Follett School Solutions, Inc – library books	879.53
Frontier Home Medical – Sped equipment	630.50
Harding & Shultz – legal fees/policy service	830.67
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement	261.56
HCS – payroll deduction	420.00
Heritage Hills Golf Corp – green fees	750.00
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	1,328.35
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	81.11
J.C. Christensen – payroll deduction	173.92
J. W. Pepper – music supply	757.26
Klein's Motor Electric – snow blower part	3.00
Legal Shield – payroll deduction	164.38
McGraw Hill School – textbooks	376.72
MCI Communications – long distance	72.89
Menards – hot water heater	3,909.99

MG Trust Co – annuities	2,033.61
NASB ALICAP – workman’s comp audit	6,124.00
NASB – Legislative Issues Conference	90.00
NE Air Filters – building supply	138.02
HCS Retirement Account – retirement	30,324.51
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	4,583.17
Ryan Nelson – reimbursement	58.58
New York Life – payroll deduction	47.00
Optum Health – FSA fee	100.00
Pitsco – shop supply	73.00
Plains Equipment Group – snow blower parts	35.92
Postmaster – permit	220.00
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	669.02
Public Risk Management – treasurer bond	100.00
Quill Corporation – office supply	207.91
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,009.76
Schamel’s Auto Supply – building supply	41.61
Scoop Media – ads/printing	109.77
Southwest Fertilizer – bus/building fuel	10,263.62
Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services	70.00
Southwest Public Power District – electric	2,488.05
NE State Ed Association – dues	1,197.00
Teachers Discovery – classroom texts	254.13
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	280.19
Top Office – copiers/usage/office supply	648.95
UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	109.52
Unitech – custodial supply	776.85
U.S. Bank – credit card	817.38
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	62.13
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/trash/electric	1,960.72
Payroll – net (gross - \$162,5465.08)	107,216.51

Lunch Fund bill

CashWa – food/supply	3,473.24
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	285.69
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	59.90
Dean Holding Co – milk	2,069.36
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	1,021.72
Food Distribution – commodities	745.93
Credit Management Services – payroll deduction	80.08
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bill	7.50
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	67.41
HCS Retirement Account – retirement	1,099.01
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	71.98
Schmicks Market – food	206.33
School Nutrition Association – membership/certificate renewal	57.50
The Thompson Co – food/supply	5,207.31
Payroll – net (gross - \$5,646.95)	4,050.79