

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met March 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Rippen, Scott, and Matson. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, the Hitchcock County News, Peggy Fyn, and three 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 Baker; seconded by Rippen to approve the March, 2015, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none

President Matson welcomed visitors. Two visitors addressed the board.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the February 2015 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling \$280,653.89 and lunch fund bills totaling \$14,503.33. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to approve the 2015-2016 Nebraska Association of School Boards membership dues. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Two bids were presented for roof replacement on the south wing and cafeteria of the secondary building – Weathercraft Companies for \$83,520 fully adhered/\$64,520 ballast sheet replacement and Eco Guard Insulation & Roofing for \$111,618.00 fully adhered/\$78,991.20 ballast sheet replacement. Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to accept the bid of no more than \$83,520 from Weathercraft with an option for Mr. Apple to inquire into the cost of ballast sheet replacement for the cafeteria and fully adhered for the south wing. Aye votes Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Three bids were presented for the wireless network infrastructure and devices – Allo Communications for \$38,131.50, Communication Services Inc for \$37,100.12, and 20/20 Technologies for \$21,249.00. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to accept the bid of \$21,249 from 20/20 Technologies for the replacement of the wireless network infrastructure and devices based upon approval of E-rate funding. Aye votes Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

The board reviewed board policies 2000's. Moved by Scott; seconded by Baker to strike #9 (avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using the board member's position on the board for personal or political gain;) from policy 2012 – Board Code of Ethics. Aye votes Matson, Scott, Rippen, Kolbet, Marks, and Baker; nay votes none. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Scott to amend #12 (recognize the superintendent as the executive officer of the board;) to "chief executive officer" in policy 2012. Aye votes Baker, Marks, Kolbet, Rippen, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to table policy 2014 – Relationship with School Attorney to the April regular board meeting. Aye votes Rippen, Scott, Matson, Baker, Marks, and Kolbet; nay votes none. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve board policies, 2000's – "Policies Regarding Role and Conduct of the Board of Education" as amended. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple informed the board that Wauneta-Palisade Schools was not interested in sharing an FFA teacher, and asked for guidance into other avenues. Mr. Apple will attend career fairs to advertise for a teacher with an FFA endorsement, and will post an ad on the education web site.

The activities director from Hayes Center contacted Mr. Kershaw about possibly cooping all sports with Hitchcock County Schools next school year. Matson, Kolbet, Marks and Mr. Kershaw will meet with representatives from Hayes Center for more information if needed.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Marks to table action on the 2015-2016 classified wages while Mr. Apple does comparability with conference wages. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Principal Kershaw's report as follows: (1) Spelling Bee results were passed out to board members. Congratulations to all who attended and placed. (2) Governor Ricketts and a representative from the Nebraska Department of Education will be at the elementary at 1:45 PM on March 30th to help celebrate the National Title I award which Hitchcock County Elementary received in February. (3) March 4th was the external review. Mr. Kershaw thanked all teachers and staff for their participation and felt the school did very well. (4) Spring break is March 12th and 13th. (5) District speech contest is March 16th in North Platte. We have two students participating. (6) Parent-Teachers Conferences will be held March 17th and 19th from 4-8 PM at both sites. (7) There will be a pee wee wrestling tournament held in the elementary gym on March 21st. (8) Pre-School and Kindergarten round up will be held March 26th from 9-10:30 AM. There will be no Pre-School or Kindergarten that day. (9) Easter break is April 3rd – 6th. (10) There will be a volleyball tournament fundraiser on May 2nd. (11) Spring sports practice has started.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) Mrs. Sturgeon, K-12 art instructor will not be coming back next school year. Mr. Apple will be attending career fairs and will place an ad. (2) Governor Ricketts and the NDE will be coming March 30th at 1:45 to the elementary. The public is invited. (3) NRCSA's spring conference will be March 19th & 20th in Kearney. Board members are to let Mr. Apple know if they are interested in attending. (4) Mr. Apple reported on a presentation at the AASA conference he attended. (5) The building and grounds committee is touring the two sites and prioritizing summer projects.

President Matson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM. The next board meeting will be held on April 13, 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
Aflac – payroll deductions	233.45
American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions	1,054.87
Ameritas Life Ins Corp – payroll deductions	364.89
Michael Apple – mileage	302.45
Awards Unlimited – JH track meet awards	234.58
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	36,006.44
Board of Regents & UNL – payroll deduction	602.88
Choice Plumbing – water heater installation	950.75
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	506.78
Country Inn & Suites Omaha West – state wrestling lodging	594.00
D & L Pest Control – pest control	93.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
Eakes Office Solutions – office/board supply	73.83
ESU #15 – contracted services	13,099.63
ESU #16 – contracted services	324.76
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	35,718.12
Farmers Coop – bus/building fuel	8,326.31
Follett School Solutions – library books	1,097.92
Eugene Hanks – external review mileage	253.00
Harding & Shultz – legal services	791.67
HCHS Petty Cash – Walmart bill reimbursement	232.15
HCS – payroll deductions	420.00
HSC Flex Plan – contributions	1,246.66
Holiday Inn Kearney – NRCSA lodging	185.90
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	1,554.10

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	77.10
Imperial Yost Farm Supply – mower servicing	693.34
J.C. Christensen & Assoc – payroll deductions	120.84
Jim Kent – external review mileage	51.75
Kruger Heating & Air – rental expense	190.30
Lakeside Sand & Gravel – parking lot gravel	488.04
Legal Shield – payroll deductions	164.38
Andrea Malleck – external review mileage	111.55
Marks Plumbing – custodial equipment part	213.08
McCook Gazette – ads/printing	73.54
MCI Communications – long distance	85.92
MG Trust Company – payroll deductions	2,033.61
MARC – custodial supply	1,152.87
NASB – dues/workshop	3,359.00
NCSA – Education Forum registration	205.00
HCS Retirement Account – retirement	29,687.72
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	4,469.72
NRCSA – Legislative Forum registration	75.00
New York Life Ins – payroll deduction	47.00
O’Brien Electric – fire alarm adjustment	130.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	100.00
Lori Poppe – external review mileage	128.80
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	663.59
R & W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,187.69
Scoop Media – ads/printing	288.40
Seven D Lock – building supply	536.10
Snell Service – sewer work	1,035.00
Southwest Fertilizer – bus/building fuel	6,338.88
Southwest Public Power District	2,643.42
NE State Education Assoc – dues	1,197.00
Teachers Discount – classroom supply	12.95
The Cornhusker – conference lodging	196.00
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	596.39
Top Office – copiers/office supply	763.64
Trails West – bus fuel	4,187.31
UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	109.52
U.S. Bank – credit card purchases	1,077.23
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	58.89
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	2,315.15
Virco Inc – equipment	158.63
Weathercraft Co – roof repairs	1,980.00
David Wimer – reimbursement	92.88
Payroll – net (gross - \$157,623.05)	103,970.02

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food	2,219.14
Colonial Life – payroll deductions	285.69
Culligan Water Conditions – salt	48.35
Dean Holding Co – milk	1,656.42
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	920.32
Food Distribution – commodities	168.16
HCHS Petty Cash – Walmart bill reimbursement	29.10
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	6.60
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	78.14
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	1,014.21

HE Department of Revenue – state taxes	59.94
Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hood system service	174.50
Schmicks Market – food	153.67
The Thompson Co – food/supply	3,898.34
Payroll – net (gross - \$5,185.60)	3,790.75