

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met May 11, 2015 at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Kolbet, Marks, Rippen, Scott, Matson, and Baker. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, the Hitchcock County News, Peggy Fyn, and several patrons.

President Matson called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Scott; seconded by Baker to approve the May, 2015, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Aye votes Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

President Matson welcomed visitors. W. Fritsch, S. Rippen, and two students addressed the board.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aye votes Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the April 2015 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling \$283,185.71 and lunch fund bills totaling \$16,187.70. (4) Other funds.

PBiS team members Deb McCarter and Casha O'Byrne asked the board for their blessing to take all 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 11<sup>th</sup> grade students to Elitch Gardens on a field trip the last day of school. PBiS is using all funds they raised through a color run to fund the trip. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve the PBiS Junior/Senior High school trip to Elitch Gardens as presented by the PBiS team. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Scott to accept a contract for Haley Priebe for the K-12 Music position for the 2015-2016 school year. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to table board policy 3003, Bid Letting and Contracts, to the September 2015 board meeting. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen to table board policy 3008, Gifts, Grants and Bequests. There was no second so the motion died.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to strike board policy 3008, Gifts, Grants and Bequests. Aye votes Scott, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks. Nay vote Matson. Motion passed 5-1.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to accept board policies 3000's as proposed. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to accept a contract with 20/20 Technologies for the 2015-2016 school year. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple informed the board that there was only one call received when the FFA position with a dual endorsement was re-advertised with the added signing incentive. No hire was made. Ms. McCarter informed the board that she had spoken with the Nebraska College of Agriculture in Curtis. The college will offer online Ag classes with a dual credit but will not sponsor the FFA program. Superintendent Apple informed the board that an ad for the FFA position with a dual endorsement will have to be posted earlier for the 2016-2017 school year.

Board member Baker discussed the idea of having a year-end survey for board members and administration by the certificated staff to see if goals are being met. The personnel committee, consisting of board members Scott and Kolbet, along with board member Baker, and two certificated personnel, one from the elementary and one from the secondary will meet and draw up a list of questions to be a part of the survey.

The building and grounds committee consisting of Rippen, Marks, and Baker along with Superintendent Apple reviewed a proposal from Hegwood Concrete Contractors for the drainage issues in the parking lot east of the high school. Superintendent Apple will advertise an RFP, Request for Proposals, for the necessary concrete work for the parking lot drainage.

Superintendent Apple presented the board with bids from McCook Floor Covering for tile and installation for replacement tiling around the gym floor and the cafeteria at the high school. Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to approve the bids from McCook Floor Covering for a total of \$9,035. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Rippen, Marks, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple informed the board that there will be RTI, Response to Intervention, training at the McCook Schools, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with Solution Tree’s national speaker Austin Buffman. Teachers will be paid a stipend for attending the training. Moved by Baker; seconded by Scott to approve HCS teachers to attend RTI Training as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Rippen, Marks, Scott, Matson, and Baker; nay votes none.

Board member Rippen informed the board on two workshops he attended. The Basics of School Law for Board Members topics included school board authorities, state statute constitutions, policies, and open meetings law. The NASB Open Meetings Law workshop topics included procedures, sub-committees, legal counsel, and rules for emergency meetings.

Principal Kershaw’s report as follows: (1) Mr. Kershaw and Ms. McCarter attended the AQuest conference April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. AQuest will be a new way the department of education will use to classify schools. (2) School physicals will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at the high school. (3) Honors night will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the elementary gym. (4) Sixth graders will attend the 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation at the high school on May 18<sup>th</sup>. (5) Kindergarten graduation is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. (6) Elementary field trips will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. (7) Pre-school graduation is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. (8) May 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for students. (9) District track is May 13<sup>th</sup> in Arapahoe. (10) District golf is May 18<sup>th</sup> in Curtis.

Superintendent Apple’s report as follows: (1) Graduation will take place May 16<sup>th</sup> in the elementary gym. (2) May 20<sup>th</sup> is the students’ last day of school. (3) Teachers will have a workday May 21<sup>st</sup>. (4) Drivers Ed starts May 27<sup>th</sup>. (5) The Law Seminar is June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. (6) Mr. Apple and Mr. Kershaw will be attending the PLC conference June 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. ESU15 pays all expenses but meals. (7) Mr. Apple presented the board with a synopsis from the Department of Revenue on valuations.

President Matson adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM. The next board meeting will be held on June 8, 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 deduction	233.45
American Family Ins Co – payroll deduction	1,045.12
Ameritas Life Ins Corp – payroll deduction	357.45
Applause Learning Resources – classroom books	153.23
Award Emblem Mfg Co – awards	706.86
Barnetts Do-it Center – athletic supply	41.98
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	37,109.24
Board of Regents UNL – payroll deduction	602.88
Brown & Saenger – paper	671.77
C&K Distributors – building supply	16.86
C-Clear Ice – athletic supply	35.00
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	506.78
Community Hospital – DOT physical	138.50
D&L Pest Control – pest control	95.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50

ESU #15 – contracted services/workshops/laminating	13,372.63
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	37,385.53
Farmers Coop – bus/building fuel	3,624.02
Follett School Solutions – library books	935.45
Gary’s Inc – engraving	5.00
Great Plains Communications – phone bill	41.97
Green Turf – sprinkler system repair	212.00
Grey House Publishing – library subscription	295.00
HCHS Petty Cash – Walmart bill	200.27
HCS – payroll deductions	420.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,246.66
Holiday Inn Downtown – NASBO lodging	348.00
Holiday Inn Kearney – NRCSA lodging	184.00
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	1,435.25
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	115.65
Imperial Yost Farm Supply – mower part	49.73
Insect Lore Products – PreK supply	30.93
J.C. Christensen – payroll deduction	265.77
KSB School Law – policy service	791.66
Kugler – fertilizer/weed spray	830.10
Legal Shield – payroll deduction	164.38
McCook Gazette – subscription	123.00
MCI Communications – long distance	58.06
MG Trust Co – annuities	2,033.61
MARC - custodial supply	396.51
NCSA – conferences	420.00
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	30,445.46
NE Safety Center – level II driver classes	150.00
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	4,658.16
NE DOL/Boiler Inspection Program – boiler certificates	36.00
NW Evaluation Assoc – web based MAP testing fees	4,037.50
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
Off to College – guidance supply	139.40
Optum Health – FSA fees	100.00
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	663.59
Quality Urgent Care – DOT exam	135.00
Quill Corp – office supply	107.98
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,321.52
Renaissance Learning – AR & STAR renewal	6,134.00
Schamel’s Auto Supply – bus supply	163.34
Scoop Media – ads/printing	170.94
Seven D Lock – lock	87.70
Snell Service – services	307.50
Southwest Fertilizer – building/bus fuel	3,677.00
Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services	151.26
Southwest Public Power District – electric	2,731.27
Stamp Fulfillment Center – stamped envelopes	1,197.15
Student Assurance Services – student accident ins	500.00
NE State Education Assoc – dues	1,197.00
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	375.52
Titan Machinery – bus parts/labor	151.68
Top Office – copiers	654.68
Trails West – bus fuel	1,566.67
UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	109.52
Unitech – custodial supply	370.00
U.S. Bank – credit card	962.25

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	76.53
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	2,120.47
Payroll – net (gross - \$164,790.44)	108,621.82

Lunch fund bills

Cash Wa Distributing – food/supply	3,433.34
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	285.69
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	89.70
Dean Holding Co – milk	1,920.11
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	1,106.97
Food Distribution – commodities	386.19
Credit Management Services – payroll deduction	112.93
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	6.00
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	76.05
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	1,152.71
NE School Nutrition Assoc – nutrition conf reg	300.00
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	79.89
Schmicks Market – food	98.72
The Thompson Co – food/supply	2,812.50
Payroll – net (gross - \$6,043.92)	4,326.90