

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met August 10, 2015 at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Rippen, Scott, Matson, Marks, Kolbet, and Baker. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, the Hitchcock County News, and Peggy Fyn.

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.

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

Moved by Baker; seconded by Kolbet to approve the consent agenda. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Matson. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the July 2015 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bills rosters with general fund bills totaling \$478,995.24 and lunch fund bills totaling \$3454.58. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve the 2015-2016 NRCSA membership dues for \$700. Aye votes Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Superintendent Apple presented the board with a list of substitute teachers for the board's approval. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Scott to approve the 2015-2016 substitute list. Aye votes Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Baker to approve Superintendent Apple as the asbestos contact for the Hitchcock County School District for the 2015-2016 school year. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to approve Dave Wimer to complete school bus quarterly inspections for the 2015-2016 school year. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve an increase in substitute teacher pay to \$100 per day. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Matson, and Rippen; nay votes none.

After review it was moved by Baker; seconded by Kolbet to accept board policies 4039-4057 as presented. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Matson; nay votes none.

Committee reports as follows: Board member Marks gave a report from the Building and Grounds Committee. The committee met with Krutsinger Construction to review the pavement project and was satisfied with the water control plan.

Principal/A.D. Kershaw's report as follows: (1) Mr. Kershaw commended Joni Unger on her effort and dedication to the six week elementary summer school program. (2) Jeanie Earnest resigned her position as assistant cook at the elementary. Mr. Kershaw is interviewing applicants. (3) Expected class sizes are Pre-School – 17, Kindergarten – 16, 1st grade – 31, 2nd grade – 25, 3rd grade – 15, 4th grade – 23, 5th grade – 24, and 6th grade – 25. The 1st grade will be split into two classrooms. (4) Mr. Kershaw commended Craig Schmitz and Dave Wimer on summer work on the building and grounds. (5) Thank you to the Methodist women's group for the luncheon they prepared for the elementary staff. (6) Kali Curl raised funds for a new reading rug for the classroom on DonorsChoose.org. (7) Teachers attended a RTI workshop in McCook on August 6 & 7. (8) A report on several presentations attended at the A.D. workshop in Lincoln. (9) A report on the PLC workshop attended in June.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) Summer projects progress included the new steam table being hooked up, and the upcoming cement work. (2) The science teachers approached Mr. Apple about a possible field trip on August 21, 2017 to view a total eclipse in Grand Island. (3) Booster club projects include a new flag pole at the football field; two new drinking fountains with water bottle faucets; round tables for the elementary lobby, and signage for the outside at both sites. (4) An RTI in-service was held in the high school cafeteria for all teachers. A schedule is being made to set aside time to help at risk students. (5) 20/20 Technologies are installing new wireless and cabling for security cameras both inside and outside at both sites. (6) The state school board conference will be November 18th –

20th at LaVista. (7) There will be a NASB membership meeting in North Platte on September 30th. (8) There will be an exchange student from Italy attending high school. (9) All staff must do an online training, to be completed by October 31st, on suicide awareness.

President Matson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM. The next board meeting will be held on September 14, 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/wireless	7,413.80
American Family Insurance – payroll deductions	1,045.12
Ameritas Life Ins Corp – payroll deductions	282.00
Michael Apple – reimbursement	187.22
Richard Bartholomae – tile removal services	332.03
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	37,109.24
The Brain Wise Program – guidance supply	538.80
Board of Regents & UNL – payroll deduction	602.88
Brown & Saenger – classroom/office supplies	2,694.20
C&K Distributors – building equipment	259.95
Choice Plumbing	453.25
Colonial Life – payroll deductions	506.78
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	31,633.79
Country Inn & Suites – AD conference lodging	275.97
D&L Pest Control – pest control	93.00
D&S Hardware – building supply	50.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
Depreciation Reserve Fund – transfer	200,000.00
Diamond Vogel – paint	870.42
Employee Benefit Fund – transfer	20,000.00
Essentra Specialty Tapes – library supply	123.76
Farmers Coop – grounds supply/fuel	197.51
Fastenal – building supply	238.70
Follett School Solutions – library software	1,400.00
Great Plains Communications – phone bill	50.95
Harders Skidsteer – equipment rental	350.00
Harris School Solutions - annual tech maintenance	3,950.96
Hauff Sporting Goods – athletic supply	678.00
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement	464.44
HCS – payroll deduction	220.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,246.66
Hershberger Music – equipment repairs	79.76
Holiday Inn Kearney – Admin Days lodging	199.90
Hot Lunch fund – lunch bills	24.30
J Bar J Landfill – asbestos disposal	228.75
John Kershaw – reimbursement	97.21
KSB School Law – policy service	791.66
Legal Shield – payroll deductions	143.45
Lou’s Sporting – athletic supply	512.68
McGraw Hill School – classroom supply	70.17
MCI – long distance	46.22

MG Trust Co – annuities	1,933.61
National Art & School Supplies – classroom supply	131.91
National Everything Wholesale – custodial supply	73.27
HCS Retirement Account – retirement	26,307.20
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	4,173.78
NRCSA – membership dues renewal	700.00
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	100.00
Pearson Education – classroom supply	2,178.40
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	663.59
Quality Urgent Care – DOT physicals	270.00
Quill Corporation – guidance supply	25.93
R&W Repair – fuel	76.19
Really Good Stuff – classroom supply	102.87
Samway Flooring – tile and labor	10,180.54
School Mate – guidance supply	532.50
SchoolsIn – classroom equipment	211.35
School Specialty – classroom/office supply	88.64
Scoop Media – ads/printing	1,032.09
Scott Electric – building supply	11.80
Southwest Public Power District – electric	2,747.75
Sportdecals – athletic supply	142.68
Student Activity Fund – transfer	10,000.00
T-C Ceilings – building supply	194.56
The Creative Teacher – classroom supply	604.64
Natalie Thiessen – supply reimbursement	54.34
Top Office – copiers	604.62
Trails West – fuel	296.30
Trend Enterprises – classroom supply	66.82
UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	109.52
U.S. Bank – credit card	2,931.98
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	408.54
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash/rental	2,778.41
VonLintels Refinishing – gym floor refinishing	4,984.00
David Wimer – reimbursement	18.70
Payroll – net (gross - \$135,327.52)	88,594.28

Lunch Fund bills

Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	56.36
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	57.20
Food Distribution Program – commodities	614.32
Midwest Restaurant Supply – steam table	2,350.00
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	72.44
Payroll – net (gross - \$368.48)	304.26