

The Hitchcock County School Board of Education's 2014-2015 budget hearing on September 8, 2014 was opened at 6:40 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Superintendent Apple reviewed the budget document with the board, with the General Fund totaling \$5,058,888.00. Superintendent Apple and President Ferguson addressed questions from the public. The hearing was declared closed by President Ferguson at 6:48 PM.

Larry Ferguson, President

Michael Baker, Secretary

The 2014-2015 property tax request hearing for the Hitchcock County Schools was opened on September 8, 2014 at 6:50 PM. The request of \$0.763539 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$3,241,000.00 for the General Fund; of \$0.122506 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$520,000.00 for the Bond Fund; and of \$0.023559 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$100,000.00 for the Special Building Fund was reviewed by the board. Superintendent Apple addressed questions from the public. With no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Larry Ferguson, President

Michael Baker, Secretary

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met September 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Ferguson, Matson, Baker, Kolbet, Jarecke, and Marks. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, J. Walters, D. Walters, T. Rippen, D. Keller, Dave Wimer, Lesa Tines, and Peggy Fyn.

President Ferguson 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 Jarecke; seconded by Kolbet to approve the September 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda. Aye votes Matson, Jarecke, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Ferguson; nay votes none.

President Ferguson welcomed visitors. Ted Rippen addressed the board.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Matson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aye votes Jarecke, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Ferguson, and Matson; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the August regular board meeting. (2) The Activities Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling \$248,145.26 and lunch fund bills totaling \$18,619.62. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Matson; seconded by Baker to adopt the 2014-2015 budget as presented and published. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Ferguson, Matson, and Jarecke; nay votes none.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Jarecke to adopt the property tax request resolution for Hitchcock County Schools, District #44-0070 with the General Fund levy of 0.753539, the Bond Fund levy of 0.122506, and the Special Building Fund levy of 0.023559. WHEREAS, public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests, for the 2014-2015 school fiscal year for the General Fund and Special Building Fund of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070. WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070 (hereinafter "the District") at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and, WHEREAS, the Board, provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and, WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Request for said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2014-2015 school fiscal year. NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$3,241,000 for the 2014-2015 school fiscal year, and the Bond Fund K-12 should be, and

hereby is set at \$520,000 for the 2014-2015 school fiscal year, and the Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$100,000 for the 2014-2015 school fiscal year. It is so moved by Baker and seconded by Jarecke this 8th day of September, 2014. Roll Call vote as follows: Larry Ferguson – yes, Gary Matson – yes, Mike Baker – yes, Aaron Kolbet – yes, Theron Jarecke – yes, Larry Marks – yes. The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070, that the above Resolution was duly approved by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board. Michael Baker, Secretary.

Superintendent Apple presented the board with the findings of Ed Johnson from Alicap insurance. Recommendations and commendations were reviewed.

Moved by Jarecke; seconded by Baker to approved Board Policy 800.38, Full Time and Part Time Enrollment (Students). Aye votes Matson, Jarecke, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Ferguson; nay votes none.

Dave Wimer presented the board with a transportation report including vehicles and mileage from the 2013-2014 school year. He recommends the board considers replacing a 1999 suburban which is high in mileage, and a 2001 International full size buss which experiences a large amount of wear and tear from country roads. Mr. Wimer thanked the board for the purchase of the 2014 full sized bus with a wheelchair lift.

Principal Kershaw's report as follows: (1) A letter was received from the Nebraska Department of Education stating that Hitchcock County School's pre-school program had been approved and is eligible to receive state aid for 4 year olds for the 2014-2015 school year. (2) Jennifer Baker was hired as an aide for mornings for the first grade. (3) The 4th and 5th grades attended the Nebraska State Fair on August 28th. Mr. Kershaw thanked Denny Reiners, Linnette Kisker, and the Hitchcock County Public Schools Foundation for making the field trip a possibility. (4) Don Crews will be coming to the school on September 15th to give dictionaries to the 3rd graders. (5) On September 15th & 16th Mr. Kershaw and parents on the PBiS team will be attending a workshop in Lincoln. (6) There are 24 boys out for football. The team won against Cheylin. (7) There are 18 girls out for volleyball. They won against Dundy County – Stratton.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) Option enroll student counts are in the positive for the first time. This can positively affect state aid at \$8,300 per student. (2) The HVAC systems are being finished up. Outside pipes are being insulated, and as soon as the control company completes their work the system should be up and running. (3) Labor Relations conference is September 10th & 11th. (4) Teacher negotiations are coming up. (5) Superintendent Apple encouraged board members to attend the state school board conference in Omaha in November. (6) Justin Harris from Green Turf will be reseeding areas of turf at the elementary building. (7) Coach Master's responded to inquiries about their invoice and removed some charges. (8) All grants on the GMS for the 2013-2014 school year have been submitted for reimbursement. (9) The school is year is off to a good start and is going well. We have a great group of students this year.

President Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM. The next board meeting will be held on October 13, 2014 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.

Larry Ferguson, President

Michael Baker, Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – tech contracted services	3,164.00
American Family Insurance – payroll deduction	1,053.82
Ameritas Life Ins Corp – payroll deduction	329.73
Apple, Inc – computer hardware, accessories	1,215.90
Awards Unlimited – athletic supply	66.80
Patricia Baker – software purchases reimbursement	441.45

Blackboard, Inc – all call service	544.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	35,957.10
Board of Regents UNL – payroll deduction	602.36
CDW Government – computer hardware	327.54
Classroom Direct – classroom supply	162.78
Clinch Enterprises – custodial supply	936.02
Colonial Life – payroll expense	506.78
D&L Pest Control – pest control	93.00
Diamond Vogel – paint	283.57
ESU #16 – contracted services	324.76
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	36,623.89
Farmers Coop – bus fuel	899.42
Fishnet Security – FortiCare software	1,015.00
Hitchcock Co Educators Association – local dues	500.00
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements	300.11
HCS – payroll deductions	420.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,246.66
Hot Lunch Fund – payroll deductions	949.90
Houghton Mifflin – classroom workbooks	84.75
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	48.85
Imperial Yost Farm Supply – mower part	46.76
Rick Johnson – window repair	305.97
J W Pepper – music supply	221.99
John Kershaw – postage reimbursement	30.00
Legal Shield – payroll deduction	164.38
Peggy Lehr – bus license reimbursement	7.50
Lord’s Inc – concession stand equipment	674.00
Mark’s Plumbing – building supply	115.20
MCI Communications – long distance	77.90
MG Trust Co – annuities	2,033.61
MJN Technologies Direct – flash drives	84.14
National Art & School Supply – office supply	87.18
Nebraska Air Filters – building supply	348.36
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	30,616.49
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	4,630.09
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
Dan O’Byrne – locker assembly	1,100.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	100.00
Orscheln Farm & Home – shop supply/equipment	834.16
Park Supply of America – building equipment	637.04
Paxton/Patterson – shop supply/equipment	1,311.35
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	666.87
Quill Corp – office/classroom/guidance supply	426.38
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,067.05
Scripps National Spelling Bee – enrollment fee	120.50
Southwest Fertilizer – bus fuel	349.00
Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services	70.00
Southwest Public Power District – electric	3,668.99
Sportdecals Inc – athletic supply	175.60
Standard Stationery Supply – classroom supply	1.17
T&J Repair – building supply	36.40
NE State Education Association – dues	1,197.00
Teaching Strategies – software	156.75
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	271.64
Michael Tines – bus license reimbursement	7.50
Top Office – copiers	432.68

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	104.06
University of Oregon – SWIS licenses	600.00
U. S. Bank – credit card	2,341.31
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	289.87
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	2,706.95
Payroll – net (gross - \$156,316.50)	101,884.23

Lunch Fund bills

Jeff Baumann – lunch payment reimbursement	2.00
Cash Wa Distributing – food/supply/equipment	5,378.06
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	188.49
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	57.10
Dean Holding Co – milk	1,905.45
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	903.85
Kimberly Gautier – lunch payment reimbursement	3.45
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement	59.39
Hot Lunch Fund – payroll deduction	5.10
Debra Hubl – food show reimbursement	8.86
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	36.83
Lynette Leak – lunch payment reimbursement	2.10
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	994.58
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	57.05
Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hood system service	161.00
Schmicks Market – food	202.09
Snell Service – gas shutoffs	582.04
The Thompson Co – food/supply	4,232.07
Payroll – net (gross - \$5,122.72)	3,840.11