

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met November 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Marks, Jarecke, Ferguson, Baker, Matson, and Kolbet. Also present were Superintendent Apple, Principal Kershaw, T. Rippen, J. Walters, D. Walters, W. Fritsch, C. Rippen, J. Rippen, 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 Matson; seconded by Jarecke to approve the November, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Ferguson, Matson, Jarecke, and Baker; nay votes none.

President Ferguson welcomed visitors. Ted Rippen addressed the board.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Kolbet to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Ferguson, Matson, and Jarecke; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the October regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling \$290,784.09 and lunch fund bills totaling \$22,915.76. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Apple presented the board with quotes from Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford for \$6,000 and Harding & Shultz for \$9,500 for school board policy review and revision services. After discussion it was moved by Baker; seconded by Matson to approve policy service from Harding & Shultz for \$9,500. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Ferguson, and Matson; nay votes Jarecke and Marks. Motion passed 4-2.

Moved by Jarecke; seconded by Baker to accept board policy 800.39 – Restraint and Seclusion Policy. Aye votes Matson, Jarecke, Baker, Kolbet, Marks and Ferguson; nay votes none.

Moved by Matson; seconded by Kolbet to approve Jessica McKinley as a local substitute teacher. Aye votes Ferguson, Matson, Jarecke, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Hitchcock County Elementary was selected as a National Title I Distinguished School. Superintendent Apple asked the board to approve Principal Kershaw and Title I teacher Cathy Upton to attend the National Title I Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, February 5th-8th, to accept the award. Moved by Matson; seconded by Baker to approve Kershaw and Upton to attend the National Title I Conference. Aye votes Jarecke, Matson, Baker, Kolbet, Ferguson, and Marks; nay votes none. Congratulations to the students and teachers of Hitchcock County Schools for their hard work.

Moved by Jarecke; seconded by Baker to move into executive session at 7:18 PM to discuss teachers' negotiations. Aye votes Marks, Ferguson, Matson, Jarecke, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Jarecke; seconded by Matson to move out of executive session at 7:34 PM.

Principal Kershaw's report as follows: (1) The elementary Veteran's Day program will be held November 11th at 1 PM. (2) The 5th and 8th grades and sponsors will take a field trip to the Henry Doorley Zoo, November 13th & 14th. (3) There will be an early out at 1:10 PM on November 26th for Thanksgiving break. (4) The elementary open house will be held November 20th at 6:30. The time capsule will be opened. (5) There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the elementary on December 8th from noon to 6 PM. (6) The summary attendance has been uploaded to the NSSRS. (7) The school nurse had to report student BMI for the first time this year. (8) Winter sports practices start November 17th. (9) There will be a basketball Gatorade scrimmage on November 25th starting at 6 PM. (10) The RPAC One Act Play competition will be held November 22nd at Southwest High School. District One Act will be December 2 in Holdrege.

Superintendent Apple's report as follows: (1) The junior/senior high Veteran's Day program will be held November 11th at 11 AM. (2) Congratulations to Haley Hrnchir for being selected for the All-State Choir. (3) The HVAC unit in one of the rentals had to be replaced. (4) A hot water heater at the elementary will need replaced. (5) There will be an early out on November 26th at 1:30 for Thanksgiving break. (6) Review of a handout on RPAC and area schools with the latest NeSA test scores. (7) Mr. Apple will be looking for a part time Spanish teacher for the second semester. (8) The HVAC units in both gym sites are up and running.

President Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM. The next board meeting will be held on December 8, 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 – contracted services	3,164.00
Aflac – payroll deduction	233.45
American Electric – building supply	48.90
American Family Ins Co – payroll deduction	1,063.57
Ameritas Life Ins – payroll deduction	357.45
Awards Unlimited – plaque	66.10
Jennifer Baker – reimbursement	50.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	36,007.45
Board of Regents UNL – payroll deduction	602.36
Brown & Saegner – office supply	396.00
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	522.97
Cornhusker State Industries – office furniture	620.00
Country Inn & Suites – conference lodging	83.00
Culbertson Auto Body – bus repair	68.50
D&S Hardware – building supply	11.27
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
Electrical Engineering & Equipment – building supply	267.79
Electric Specialties – building supply	63.25
ESU #15 – contracted services/laminating	17,191.14
ESU #16 – contracted services	324.76
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	38,768.55
Farmers Coop – bus fuel	1,089.18
FBLA – dues	290.00
Larry Ferguson – mileage reimbursement	293.80
Flinn Scientific – classroom supply/equipment	275.70
Follett School Solutions – library books	702.26
Harris School Solutions – checks	178.33
HCS Petty Cash – Walmart bill	38.95
HCS – payroll deduction	420.00
HCS Flex Plan – FSA fee	1,246.66
Credit Management Services – payroll deductions	275.17
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	1,657.40
Huskerland Prep Report – subscription	32.00
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	115.36
JW Pepper – music supply	169.99
K-C Motor & Electric – football field light repair	1,655.43
Kildare Lumber – building supply	66.90
Kruger Heating & Air – rental expenses	4,903.00
Legal Shield – payroll deduction	164.38
MCI Communications – long distance	72.12
MG Trust Co – annuities	2,033.61
MARC – custodial supply	292.09
NCSA – membership/dues	901.00
HCS Retirement – retirement	31,697.22

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	4,846.65
NE Department of Revenue – payroll deduction	25.00
Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hydro test/recharge	49.00
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	100.00
Orscheln Farm & Home – grounds supply	119.00
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	652.31
Quill Corp – guidance supply	44.85
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	2,752.43
Chris Rippen – reimbursement	64.25
Samway Floor Covering – tiles/labor	7,915.10
Scoop Media – subscriptions	60.00
Southwest Fertilizer – bus fuel	704.36
Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services	105.00
Southwest Public Power District – electric	2,647.10
T&J Repair – bus supply/parts/labor	146.04
NE State Education Association – dues	1,197.00
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	200.97
Top Office – copiers/usage	511.90
Trails West – bus fuel	3,434.94
UniFirst Corp – custodial supply	164.28
U.S. Bank – credit card	383.15
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	133.52
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	2,718.72
Weathercraft Co – roof repair	138.00
Western Nebraska Administrators – dues	100.00
Payroll – net (gross - \$170,308.17)	112,287.86

Lunch fund bills

CashWa Distributing – food/supply	3,617.69
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	269.50
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	168.05
Dean Holding Co – milk	2,040.11
Farmers State Bank – FICA, taxes	1,309.94
HCHS Petty Cash – Walmart bill	11.48
Credit Management Services – payroll deduction	163.49
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bills	5.00
Ideal Laundry & Cleaners – kitchen supply	63.12
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	1,282.59
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	108.46
Schmicks Market – food	116.32
The Thompson Co – food/supply	9,057.47
Payroll – net (gross - \$6,697.84)	4,702.54